

**WAC 388-827-0157 What is a representative payee?** (1) A representative payee is a person or entity that receives and manages your state supplementary payments on your behalf.

(2) If the Social Security Administration assigned a representative payee to you, the developmental disabilities administration (DDA) will send your state supplementary payments to that representative payee.

(3) If you do not have a representative payee and you wish to establish one:

(a) You must nominate a person or entity to be your representative payee; and

(b) DDA must confirm your nominee.

(4) When deciding whether to confirm your nominee, DDA may consider:

(a) The nominee's:

(i) Relationship to you;

(ii) Interest in your well-being;

(iii) Understanding of your needs;

(iv) Existing legal authority, if any, to act on your behalf; and

(b) Any other information known to DDA.

(5) If DDA declines to confirm the person or entity you nominated, DDA must send you written notice within thirty days of its decision.

(6) A representative payee must:

(a) Spend your state supplementary payment on your behalf;

(b) Notify DDA of any changes in your circumstances that could affect your eligibility to receive a state supplementary payment;

(c) Notify DDA of any change in the representative payee's ability to comply with this chapter;

(d) Submit to DDA upon request a written account of how each state supplementary payment received on your behalf was spent; and

(e) Accept liability for any overpayment under WAC 388-827-0400(3).

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