



## Worker and Family Assistance: Millions Can Be Saved by Identifying Supplemental Security Income Recipients Owning Too Many Assets: Hrd-81-4

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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 42 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. In fiscal year 1979, an estimated 125 million was overpaid to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who owned assets, such as bank accounts and real property, valued in excess of the limitations allowed for program eligibility. GAO assessed the adequacy of the Social Security Administrations (SSA) efforts to reduce problems causing these overpayments. GAO found that an estimated 47 million was overpaid during fiscal year 1979 to bank account owners because claims representatives were unable to identify ownership when applicants and recipients responded incorrectly to bank account questions. SSA attempted to reduce the problem by implementing special verification procedures. However, the procedures used to identify bank account ownership to prevent or reduce overpayments have been only marginally successful. The current SSI interview questions and procedures do not provide enough emphasis on identifying real property ownership to combat the 20 million annual overpayment problem. SSA regional staffs have found that ownership can be better established by improved interviewing techniques, yet regional program officials have not adopted the suggested improvements. The current computerized information on resources owned by SSI applicants and recipients is...

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