## enTRUST

SERVICES

Comprehensive financial services that enrich the lives of people with disabilities.

## Representative Payee Services



As an Organizational Representative Payee, enTRUST commits to partnering with a person to strengthen their financial health by:

- Establishing a budget and assisting with financial decisions on spending and saving
- Assisting in obtaining and maintaining all available benefits (i.e., food stamps, housing/utility subsidies, medical assistance, prescription drugs, clothing, etc.)
- Reporting earned income and work activity to Social Security
- Negotiating with creditors for favorable terms
  - Conserving excess funds after meeting the beneficiary's current needs
- Reporting all changes in the person's life (i.e., resources, monthly income, change or loss of job, residency, marital or family status, etc.)

enTRUST will play a vital role by supporting a person in their current environment, promoting an independent and stable life by ensuring that the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, and medical care are always met.

Do I qualify to have a Representative Payee?

If you are a person with a disability, and/or a minor who cannot manage their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, YES, you qualify.

How do I gain and keep a Representative Payee?

Make a request for enTRUST to apply to SSA on your behalf. We will take it from there! To keep the service, have open communication to ensure that any life changes comply with federal entitlement rules so your benefits continue at the maximum level.

What can't a Representative Payee do for me?

Your Representative Payee cannot make your medical decisions; spend, lend, or give your funds to anyone but you; sign legal documents for you; manage or control your wages, pensions, dividends, or any income from sources other than your SSDI and/or SSI benefits.

Your enTRUST Representative Payee commits that your needs will never be sacrificed to pay other expenses such as past debt, or to accumulate conserved funds.

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