

Disability Determination Services (DDS)		Agency/Program #: 6901-10-G2
		Division: Disability Services
		Program: Disability Determination
Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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Program or Project Description:

DDS works in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to adjudicate disability claims with quality, accuracy, expediency and fairness for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income program.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 30, 2010
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds	5,774,250	1,170,989	5,833,122		
Total:	\$5,774,250	\$1,170,989	\$5,833,122	\$0	

Goal(s):

Provide accurate and timely social security disability adjudications

Performance Measures :

Successfully meet the federal Social Security standards on accuracy rates and timeliness

The baseline provided by the division for FFY 2009 is: initial claims = 6,764; Continuing Disability Reviews Cleared = 922; Accuracy = 93%

For FFY 2010, DDS will process 8,018 initial claims, 1,065 Continuing Disability Reviews; 2,049 Reconsideration Appeals and other claims for a total of 11,400 claims.

2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
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2	Successfully meet the federal Social Security standards on accuracy rates and timeliness	On-going over biennium	
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Performance Report:

For FFY 2010, DDS will process 8,018 initial claims, 1,065 Continuing Disability Reviews; 2,049 Reconsideration Appeals and other claims for a total of 11,400 claims.

To date the DDS has processed 6,716 applications; 4,711 initial claims, 506 Continuing Disability Reviews, and 1,332 Reconsideration Appeals.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On Track, no further report needed

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Provided for both fiscal years

LFD COMMENTS: The data indicates an increase of 8.2 percent growth from 2009 to 2010. Montana and surrounding states believe the increase is due to "baby boomers" looking for ways to retire on full benefits at age 62, and companies going out of business during the recession. For example, workers from the logging and mining industries that have lost their jobs are now filing for disability

The national average is up about 7 percent for the same time period. North and South Dakota statistics are up 10 and 17 percent respectively, and Wyoming is up 21 percent. Idaho is actually down 7 percent.

This program is federally funded. While it is possible that there may be a need to increase staff if caseloads continue to rise, there would be no impact on the general fund.

Options:

Change the LFD assessment

Request an update during the agency budget review at the 2013 session subcommittee hearings

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Change Description
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