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Retirement and Insurance Service









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## **Benefits Administration Letter**

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## **SUBJECT: Upcoming Social Security Satellite Broadcast**

On May 23, 1996, the Social Security Administration National Satellite Network will present "Government Pensions: Social Security, The Windfall Elimination Provision and The Government Pension Offset." This program should be of special interest to retirement counselors as well as employees nearing retirement age.

Social Security's Dennis Knox, will host the program. The panelists will be:

Bob Gleason, a Public Affairs Specialist with SSA's Regional affairs and Special Projects staff, will explain how Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision could affect government retirees. Bob has been conducting pre-retirement seminars for the past 15 years and now specialize in the relationship between government pensions and Social Security.

Carolyn Chyzus, Public Affairs Specialist with SSA's Regional Affairs and Special Projects staff, will explain what the Government Pension Offset is and how it affects a spouse's Social Security benefits. Carolyn has been dealing with benefits issues and the Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES) for the past 3 years.

This Satellite Broadcast will go beyond the SSA community to interested employees in other Federal, state and local government agencies. Viewers in other agencies will be invited during the broadcast to call in with questions through regular telephone lines. That number will be (410) 786-7563.

The program will begin promptly at 1:15 EDT, on the Social Security Administration National Satellite Network. Satellite information for the May 23, 1996, program:

Telstar 401, Transponder 11 Ku 97 degrees West Downlink Frequency 12040 Audio 6.2 & 6.8 Satellite Window 12:45 - 14:45 EDT

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