## 2.F SSA Resources and Operations: Service Delivery

Table 2.F7—Accuracy of selected agency determinations, and 800 telephone number call volume and wait times, fiscal years 2016–2023

| Item  | 2016   | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | Accuracy rates <sup>a</sup> (percent)        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| OASI payments                                 |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Payment review/stewardship results            |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Excess payments                               | 99.8   | 99.7 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 99.9 |
| Underpayments                                 | 99.9   | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| SSI payments                                  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Payment review/stewardship results            |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Excess payments                               | 92.4   | 92.7 | 91.8 | 91.9 | 92.7 | 92.8 | 92.0 | 90.8 |
| Underpayments                                 | 98.8   | 98.9 | 98.5 | 98.7 | 98.9 | 98.4 | 98.8 | 98.6 |
| DI benefits <sup>b</sup>                      |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Initial claims                                | 95.8   | 94.8 | 94.7 | 97.3 | 96.4 | 96.7 | 97.1 | 97.6 |
| Allowances                                    | 97.1   | 97.0 | 96.8 | 98.5 | 98.5 | 98.4 | 98.6 | 99.0 |
| Denials                                       | 95.1   | 93.7 | 93.6 | 96.6 | 95.1 | 95.7 | 96.2 | 96.8 |
| Reconsideration of denials                    | 94.1   | 93.6 | 92.8 | 96.0 | 95.6 | 95.2 | 95.8 | 97.0 |
| Reversals                                     | 96.0   | 96.2 | 95.6 | 96.8 | 96.5 | 96.5 | 97.3 | 98.1 |
| Affirmations                                  | 93.9   | 93.3 | 92.4 | 95.9 | 95.4 | 95.0 | 95.6 | 96.8 |
|   | National 800 number network (1-800-772-1213) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Network calls received (millions)             | 77.4   | 75.6 | 82.5 | 86.6 | 79.0 | 71.2 | 81.5 | 81.2 |
| Average wait for live agent service (minutes) | 13.6   | 13.4 | 23.7 | 20.4 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 32.7 | 35.8 |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Analytics, Review, and Oversight, Office of Quality Review (OQR); and Office of Operations, Office of Customer Service.

NOTES: OQR conducts stewardship reviews on sample cases in current-payment status.

OASI = Old-Age and Survivors Insurance; SSI = Supplemental Security Income; DI = Disability Insurance.

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a. For OASI and SSI payments, accuracy rates reflect the dollar value of properly determined payments as a percentage of total outlays. For DI benefits, accuracy rates reflect the percentage of determinations that did not require corrections.

b. Represents cases free of decisional and documentation errors.