

## **FACT SHEET ON SSA BUDGET CUTS**

Under any of the deficit reduction scenario's now under consideration by Congress, Social Security contributors and beneficiaries will see a continuing erosion in critical services. Here are some specific impacts:

- **FY '11 Funding Level**

- SSA will lose about 2500 federal and 1000 state employees;
  - SSA field offices are and will remain closed 30 minutes earlier each day
  - 300 Contact Stations have been eliminated
  - The 'temporary' suspension of earnings statements could become permanent

- **If funding for FY '12 were to continue at its current level:**

- Due to inflation and the unavailability of information technology revenue, level FY '12 would mean an \$800 million cut below the current funding level

- SSA would lose another 4,400 federal and state jobs
  - SSA would complete nearly 400,000 less disability reviews
  - Processing time for disability claims would exceed four months

- **If funding level for FY '12 were reduced below the FY '11 level**

- Furloughs of employees would be very likely

- A five percent reduction would mean 24 furlough days for every SSA employee

- Each furlough day would mean that 19,000 retirement claims, 11,000 disability claims and 3,000 SSA hearings would not be completed