

Representative Payee Program

What is the Representative Payee Program (Rep Payee)?

The purpose of the program is to ensure that each individual's needs and payment obligations are met on a timely basis.

Rep Payee manages Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Disability Income (SSDI) benefits for individuals who have been instructed by the Social Security Administration to obtain an institutional payee or who have difficulty managing these funds on their own.



How Will The Rep Payee Program Meet My Needs?

As your Rep Payee, we will keep record of benefit checks received and how the money is spent on a monthly basis. SSI/DI checks will be directly deposited into the Rep Payee collective bank account. Each individual account balance is kept confidential and is only accessible to the client and those individuals approved by the client.

The Rep Payee Director will work with you to build a monthly budget that meets your day-to-day needs for food, shelter, utility payments and transportation. Then, available funds can be used for medical or personal needs, past creditors and recreational expenses. If funds are still available at the end of the month, a personal savings plan will be strongly encouraged and developed.




How Will I Benefit From this Program?

- Basic needs will be met from month-to-month
- Decreased stress, anxiety and frustration about money
- Increased communication between service providers, agencies and landlords
- Limited access to available funds so they can be spent wisely
- Reduced evictions
- Improved accountability to self and others

Is There A Fee for This Service?

Yes. A fee of 10% will be charged, not to exceed \$39 per month.

If, for any reason, monthly benefits are not received from Social Security, there will be no fee assessed until that income is received by MHA.

 **Important Message from MHA** - We recommend that you have a case worker before asking MHA to be your payee.

MHA of Eastern Missouri is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping all people live mentally healthier lives. We are the only organization in the St. Louis community focused on the full spectrum of mental health and mental illness.

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Organizational Payee

(community resources for low income and uninsured)

*An organizational payee is a designated person/agency who will manage a person's SS, SSI or disability checks when the recipient is unable to manage his or her own benefits. The payee is financially responsible for the client and should use the funds to pay for the current and foreseeable needs of the dependent.

Agape In Motion, Inc.

5227 Delmar
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-361-2727

Fee: \$39/month

Hours: T,W,Th 10am-2pm

Client has to go to office to apply. Must be stable to live in community or with a family member. Cannot have severe incapability or mental health issues unless a family member or counselor acts as a 'buffer'. Must have a state issued picture ID when applying.

Joint Neighborhood Ministry

2911 McNair Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118
314-771-3987

Fee: \$37/month

Hours: M-F 9:30am-12pm

The social security office must say that the client has a need for a payee. After that, the client must make an appointment at Joint Neighborhood Ministry (JNM) for an interview and then go to the Social Security office to sign up for a payee with the JNM representative.

Mental Health America

1905 South Grand Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63104
314-773-6752 (ask for Patty or Darren)

Fee: \$39/month

Hours: W 9am-5pm - intake appointment

Th 9am-5pm – meet at Social Security office to sign up

Clients must be currently receiving social security benefits (SSI or SSD). Client will have to schedule an intake appointment with Darren Stotler which will take about 1 hour. Client must have current ID with them. After the appointment, client and Darren will meet at the Social Security office to sign up for a payee.

Places For People, Inc.

4130 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-615-2111

Fee: Closed as of 2013

Must be clients of Places For People and be in their long term management program. New clients cannot apply for a payee. Must have a severe mental illness.

St. Louis Regional Center

111 North 7th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101
314-244-8800

Fee: None

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Provides services for developmentally disabled. Payee services available to clients only. Client must have SSI or disability income. Clients can be from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles or Jefferson County. Must fill out an intake application.

United Way Information & Referral: Dial 211 or 800-427-4626, or visit www.211missouri.org for critical health and human services, everyday needs and in time of crisis—24-hour, seven-days-a-week availability. When appropriate, 2-1-1 specialists can connect callers directly with a service provider, eliminating the need to make another telephone call.