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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 11:24 AM
To: Matsuoka, Karen Y.
Cc: Drew, Kathy R.
Subject: RE: 0960-0630

Karen,

SSA agrees to add a check box as suggested. Thanks.

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Liz, thanks. That makes sense. Can we add a check box to the form so that the interviewer/auditor can affirmatively indicate whether it's the bene or the rep payee who is answering the questions? If so, then I can clear this ICR. Thanks. - Karen

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Karen,

See response in blue below. Also, we revised the second sentence of item 2 of the supporting statement (attached) to make it clear that it is the beneficiary who is being interviewed. We set up this interview through the representative payee.

Please let me know if you have further questions. Thanks.

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Liz, just one question about this ICR. The ICR says that either the bene or the rep payee will be interviewed. Presumably, people who have rep payees are people who are incapable of taking care of themselves. Therefore, in what % of cases will the beneficiaries be capable of being the interviewee? And in those cases where the rep payee is the interviewee,

H historically, the beneficiaries that we have selected for interview have generally been adults and older children. In most cases the adult or child was capable of being interviewed. If I would have to put a % on it I would say 95%.

How reliable is the information going to be if the answer is coming from the rep payee (i.e. the very person SSA is investigating)?

In those situations where the beneficiary is not capable of being interviewed (i.e. a small child, or someone with a serious mental impairment), we then rely more on the auditor's observations of the beneficiary's living environment.

If a rep payee is not doing a good job, is it realistic to believe that the rep payee will confess to this?

No. That is why we try to interview the beneficiary and observe the beneficiary's living environment to make an overall assessment if the beneficiary's needs are being met.