

SSA-44: Medicare Part B Income-Related Premium Life-Changing Event Form
OMB No. 0960-0735

Explanation of Non-Substantive Changes

Page 1

Changes:

First paragraph: SSA updated the tax years we use to determine income.

Third paragraph: We updated the threshold amounts, which change annually.

We updated tables to reflect the 2009 sliding scale ranges and the income-related premium amounts for 2009.

Justification:

These changes reflect new figures which we update annually.

NOTE: Please note that we have already started using these new figures, since 1) they do not require OMB approval, as they change annually and 2) a number of individuals and groups that use these needed to know the new figures as soon as possible.

Page 2

Change:

We changed the 6th check block in Step 1 from “Loss of **Income** Due to Property Loss” to “Loss of Income from **Income-Producing** Property.”

Justification:

We made this language change to minimize user confusion and bring the language into conformity with the intent of regulation 20 CFR 418.1205 (definition and explanation of what constitutes a life-changing event).

Page 3

Change:

In the first two paragraphs of Step 5, we re-wrote the Signature explanatory language. We also divided the last paragraph into bullets.

Justification:

We changed the Signature language so it conforms with what we are now using on other forms. We divided the last paragraph because it makes it easier to read and understand.

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Change:

We revised the Privacy Act statement.

Justification:

This revised language reflects our new standard PA statement, which we adopted in response to litigation.

Page 5

Change:

We updated the tax years listed in Step 1, second paragraph.

Justification:

We made this change to reflect the new 2009 figures.

Change:

We re-worded the Life-Changing Event “Loss of Income Due to Property Loss” to “Loss of Income from Income-Producing Property.”

Justification:

We made this change to be consistent with the Page 2 wording change (described on the first page of this document).

Page 6

Change:

We updated the years listed under “Tax Year.”

Justification:

We made this change to reflect the updated 2009 data.

Page 7

Change:

We changed the years listed under “Tax Year.”

Justification:

We made this change to reflect the updated 2009 data.

Page 8

Change:

In the Life-Changing Event table, we changed Life-Changing Event “Loss of Income Due to Property Loss” to “Loss of Income from Income-Producing Property.”

Justification:

We made this change to be consistent with the Page 2 wording change (described on the first page of this document).

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