

## **The Privacy Act**

Sections 205(a), 223(d), and 1631(e) (1) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. The information you provide will be used to make a decision on the named claimant's claim. While giving us the information on this report is voluntary, failure to provide all or part of the requested information could prevent an accurate or timely decision on the named claimant's claim. We generally use the information you supply for the purpose of making decisions regarding claims. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following: (1) to enable a third party or agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage; (2) to comply with Federal Laws requiring the release of information about Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Veterans Affairs); (3) to make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and, (4) to facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and our programs and systems, is available on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or any local Social Security office.