PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The Social Security. Administration is authorized to collect the information on this form under regulation 20 CFR 404.992 and 416.1492. Giving us the information on this form is voluntary. However, if you do not respond, we will make a decision based on the evidence in your file.

The Social Security Administration will use the information on this form to fully evaluate your claim for disability benefits. We may routinely give out the information on this form without your consent if:

1. We need to get more information to decide if you are eligible for benefits;

2. An agency needs this information to decide if you are eligible for a health or income program such as SSI State supplementary payments, food stamps, Medicaid, energy assistance, Veterans benefits, or Basic Educational Opportunity Grants;

3. A Federal law requires that we give out this information;

4. Your Congressman or the President's office needs this information to answer questions you ask them;

5. Someone needs this information to do statistical research or audit reports for us related to the Social Security programs, or;

6. The Department of Justice reeds the information to represent the Federal Government in a court suit related to SSA administered programs.

These and other reasons why information about you may be used or given out are explained in the Federal Register. If you would like more information about this, get in touch with any Social Security office.

Computer Matching Statement: We may also use the information you give us when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it.

Explanations about these and other reasons why information about you may be used or given out are available in Social Security offices. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security office.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. We estimate that it will take you about 30 minutes to complete this form. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

See revised PA and PRA statements, beginning next page

SSA will insert this new Privacy Act statement in the form at the next scheduled reprint:

Sections 221, 223, 1611, of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. The information is needed to permit the Social Security Administration (SSA) to make a determination upon your claim. The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide all or part of the information requested on this form will require SSA to use the evidence currently contained in your file to make a determination.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than making a determination upon your claim. 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: (1) to enable a third party or an 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 from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veteran Affairs); (3) to make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; (4) to State agencies to assist in the determination process for initial and continuing eligibility in their income maintenance programs; (5) to the Department of Education for determining the eligibility of applicants for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants; and, (6) 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 and administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in Systems of Record Notices 60-0050, 60-0089, and 60-0103. The notices, additional information regarding this form, and information regarding our programs and systems, are available on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security office.

SSA will insert the following revised PRA Statement into the form at its next scheduled reprinting:

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 30 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. Send <u>only</u> comments relating to our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.