

**Addendum to the Supporting Statement for Form SSA-1695
Identifying Information for Possible Direct Payment of Authorized Fees
OMB No. 0960-0730**

Terms of Clearance

This form is approved for one year only. SSA plans to introduce a new system from Spring 2010, which will enable information to be filled out online and will not require respondents to provide their social security number. This form will be discontinued at that point.

In July of 2009, OMB placed the above Term of Clearance on this information collection. At the time, SSA believed our new Appointed Representative system would be in place and usable within a year from the approval date for this collection. Given that our new system would allow us to obsolete this collection, we informed OMB of our intent to discontinue the paper SSA-1695 upon implementation of the new Appointed Representative Suite of Services.

In January 2010, SSA put Phases II and III of the Appointed Representative Suite of Services project on hold due to issues with Phase I, individual registration, and access to the electronic folder. Social Security decided to discontinue the new Internet application for the SSA-1699 and conduct additional usability testing. As a result, we developed a simplified paper version of the SSA-1699 to use during the interim. In our original plan, we intended to implement a new SSA-1696 that would capture the same information currently obtained via the SSA-1695, thereby rendering the current SSA-1695 obsolete. We also wanted to expand the new SSA-1696 to collect more information between the claimant and the attorney. Since we cannot implement Phase III of the Appointed Representative Suite of Services project as planned, we cannot discontinue the SSA-1695 in July 2010.

With the delay of Phases II and III of the Appointed Representative Suite of Services project, it is crucial that we extend the approval for the SSA-1695. Currently, there is no timeline set by SSA to implement additional phases of the Appointed Representative Suite of Services project. Until we can conduct discussions with the representatives and revise our ARSS plans, it is very difficult to estimate when we can discontinue Form SSA-1695. For now, it is safe to assume that SSA will need more than a year extension; therefore, we are seeking a 3-year extension approval from OMB for Form SSA-1695.

In addition, SSA's Office of the General Counsel is conducting a systematic review of SSA's Privacy Act Statement on agency forms. As a result, SSA is adding a Privacy Act Statement to this form. We are also revising the PRA Statement to reflect our current boilerplate language. The current language, which dates back to the last reprint of the form, is now outdated.