

**Justification for Non-Substantive Changes for i501
Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge
20 CFR 404.929, 404.933, 416.1429, 416.1433, 42 CFR 405.722 and 20 CFR 418.1350
OMB No. 0960-0269**

Background

SSA conducted an American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Insight Review Survey. The survey revealed that respondents found certain introductory and instructions screens within iAppeals confusing and redundant. To resolve this issue, we made some language updates that reduce and clarify instructions and create a central location for navigational and informational instructions. The updates do not affect the current paper information collection instruments associated with iAppeals, in that respondents will not have to provide any additional information in order to complete an appeal request through iAppeals.

Description of iAppeals

iAppeals is an internet application available on Social Security’s official website. It allows respondents to request a reconsideration or hearing on a title II or title XVI medically denied claim. Respondents complete an appeal request by completing and submitting the i561 (Request for Reconsideration) or i501 (Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge) as appropriate, and completing the i3341 (Disability Report Appeal).

Justification for the Changes

Changes to the iAppeals application are listed in the below tables.

Deleted iAppeals – i501 Screens	
Screen Number	Screen Name
ap006hr	About the Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge

iAppeals i501 Screen - Updates			
Screen Number	Screen Name	Change	Justification
app001	Welcome	Streamlined language – see page 1 of the current screen package and page 4 of the new screen package	The streamlined language and centralized location for instructions make it easier for respondents to understand and access the instructions
app004	Should you use this Internet	See page 3 of current screen package and page 5 of new screen package	The language is more personal and user friendly

	Appeal Process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New screen name: Can you use this online disability appeal? • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” 	
app005	About your appeal	<p>See page 4 of current screen package and page 6 of new screen package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New screen name: Claimant Information • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” 	The updated language better describes the information that is being requested
app08hr	Request for Hearing	<p>See page 5 of current screen package and page 9 of new screen package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” • Renamed “Continue” button “Next” • Deleted “Previous” button • Links added – Paper Work Reduction Act and Privacy Act Statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language update gives respondents a better description of the button’s purpose • The Paper Work Reduction Act and Privacy Act Statement is linked to the actual collection instrument which makes it more convenient for users
ap010hr	Submit your request for hearing (1 st party)	<p>See page 8 of current screen package and page 13 of new screen package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” • Renamed “Send” button “Submit” 	The language update gives respondents a better description of the button’s purpose
ap010hr	Submit your request for hearing (3 rd party)	<p>See page 8 of current screen package and page 14 of new screen package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” • Renamed “Send” button 	The language update gives respondents a better description of the button’s purpose

		to “Submit”	
ap011hr	Receipt for Hearing (1 st party)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” • Added “Your reentry number is:” box • Added “Sign Off(finish later)” button • Renamed “Start Part 2” button to Next • Screen language was updated and adjusted to reflect the changes on the screen – see page 10 of the current screen package and page 17 of the new screen package 	The language updates are user friendly and encourage, but do not force respondents to complete the i3441.
ap011hr	Receipt for Hearing (3 rd party)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed “Internet Appeal” heading to “Disability Appeal” • Added “Your reentry number is:” box • Added “Sign Off(finish later)” button • Renamed “Start Part 2” button to Next • Screen language was updated and adjusted to reflect the changes on the screen – see page 10 of the current screen package and page 18 of the new screen package 	The language updates are user friendly and encourage, but do not force respondents to complete the i3441.

Revised Burden Information

The language updates that included streamlining language and deleting pages from the application a significant decrease in the number of burden hour increase associated with completing the i501.

Form	Number of Respondents	Response Time	Number of Burden Hours
i501 - Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge	635,996	5	53,000