Supporting Statement for SSA-8006-F4 Statement of Living Arrangements, In-Kind Support and Maintenance 20 CFR 416.1130-416.1148 OMB No. 0960-0174

A. Justification

1. Introduction/Authoring Laws and Regulations – A recipient's need is the basis under which the Social Security Administration (SSA) determines Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility. Under SSI program eligibility rules, SSA measures need, in part, by the amount of income an individual receives. Income includes in-kind support and maintenance (ISM) as provided by other persons in the form of food and shelter.

Section 1612(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (Act) requires SSA reduce the payments of an SSI-eligible individual who receives ISM by 33 and 1/3 percent. Section 1631(e)(1)(B)(i) of the Act requires that when SSA uses this information to determine ones eligibility for SSI, the information must be verified by independent or collateral sources. 20 CFR 416.1130- 416.1148 of the Code of Federal Regulations authorizes the policies and procedures for implementing Section 1612(a)(2)(A) of the Act.

The respondents are individuals who apply for SSI payments, SSI recipients who report a change of living arrangements, and SSI recipients for whom we periodically conduct redeterminations of eligibility.

- 2. **Description of Collection** SSA uses Form SSA-8006-F4 to collect the information we need to determine the income value, if any, of ISM received by SSI applicants and recipients. The information is mandatory when determining a recipient's living arrangement, and when determining if ISM and cash income comes from within or outside the household applies. We obtain this information via interviews during initial claims, when we conduct redeterminations, or posteligibility determinations.
- 3. Use of Information Technology to Collect the Information

 The SSA-8006-F4 is not available to the public as an electronic form. The SSA claims representative completes this form during an interview with the respondent. SSA currently processes about 90 percent of all SSI initial claims and redeterminations using our Modernized SSI Claims System (MSSICS). SSA only uses the paper version of the SSA-8006-F4 if MSSICS is not available.
- **4. Why We Cannot Use Duplicate Information** Some of the questions on this form duplicate questions asked on Form SSA-8011-F3 (OMB No. 0960-0456).

However, the householder answers the questions on the SSA-8011-F3. SSA needs the householder's statement on the SSA-8011-F3 to corroborate the information provided by the SSI applicant or recipient on the SSA-8006-F4. In no case would the same person complete both the SSA-8006-F4 and SSA-8011-F3 forms.

- **Minimizing Burden on Small Respondents** This collection does not affect small businesses or other small entities.
- 6. Consequences of Not Collecting Information or Collecting it Less Frequently
 If SSA did not collect this information there would be a high risk of incorrect
 SSI eligibility and payment determinations. SSA collects the information on an
 as needed basis to determine the correct SSI payments. Collecting the
 information less frequently would increase the risk of making incorrect payments.
 There are no technical or legal obstacles that prevent burden reduction.
- **7. Special Circumstances** There are no special circumstances that would cause SSA to conduct this information collection in a manner inconsistent with 5 CFR 1320.5.
- 8. Solicitation of Public Comment and Other Consultations with the Public SSA published the 60-day advance Federal Register Notice on January 3, 2012, at 77 FR 147, and SSA received no public comments. SSA published the 30-day advance Federal Register Notice on March 19, 2012 at 77 FR 16113. SSA did not consult members of the public in the development of this form.
- **9. Payment or Gifts to Respondents -** SSA provides no payment or gifts to the respondents.
- **10. Assurances of Confidentiality** SSA protects and holds confidential the information it is requesting in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1306, 20 CFR 401 and 402, 5 U.S.C. 552 (Freedom of Information Act), 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act of 1974), and OMB Circular No. A-130.
- **11. Justification for Sensitive Questions -** The information collection does not contain any questions of a sensitive nature.
- **12. Estimates of Public Reporting Burden**Approximately 173,380 respondents use this form. The estimated completion time is 7 minutes; the total burden is 20,228 hours. The total burden represents burden hours, and SSA did not calculate a separate cost burden.

Collection Method	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response	Estimated Total Annual Burden
SSA-8006-F4	17,338	1	(minutes) 7	(hours) 2,023
MSSICS	156,042	1	7	18,205
Total	173,380			20,228

- **13. Annual Cost to the Respondents (Other) -** There is no known cost burden to the respondents.
- **14. Annual Cost to Federal Government -** The annual cost to the Federal Government is approximately \$534,010. This estimate is a projection of the costs of collecting and processing the information.
- **15. Program Changes or Adjustments to the Information Collection Request** There are no changes in the public reporting burden.
- **16. Plans for Publication Information Collection Results -** SSA will not publish the results of the information collection.
- 17. Displaying the OMB Approval Expiration Date OMB granted SSA an exemption from the requirement to print the OMB expiration date on its program forms. SSA produces millions of public-use forms, many of which have a life cycle longer than that of an OMB approval. SSA does not periodically revise and reprint its public-use forms (e.g., on an annual basis). OMB granted this exemption so SSA would not have to destroy stocks of otherwise useable forms with expired OMB approval dates, avoiding Government waste.
- **18.** Exceptions to Certification Statement

SSA is not requesting an exception to the certification requirements at 5 CFR 1320.9 and related provisions at 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3).

B. <u>Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods</u>

SSA is not using statistical methods for this collection.