

**Supporting Statement for Form SSA-7-F6,
Application for Parent's Insurance Benefits
20 CFR 404.370, 20 CFR 404.371, 20 CFR 404.373, 20 CFR 404.374 and
20 CFR 404.601 404.603
OMB No. 0960-0012**

A. Justification

1. Introduction/Authoring Laws and Regulations

Section 202(h) of the Social Security Act (the *Act*) sets forth the conditions a claimant must meet to be eligible to receive monthly benefits as a parent of a deceased worker. The Social Security Administration (SSA) uses Form SSA-7-F6, Application for Parent's Insurance Benefits, to obtain the information necessary to determine whether the respondents who are claimants for monthly benefits as parents of a deceased worker, meet the provisions of Section 202(h) of the *Act*.

Sections 20 CFR 404.370, 20 CFR 404.371, 20 CFR 404.373, 20 CFR 404.374 and 20 CFR 404.601-404.603 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* prescribe the eligibility criteria and application instructions for these benefits.

2. Description of Collection

SSA uses information from Form SSA-7-F6 to determine whether the respondents who are claimants for monthly benefits as parents of a deceased worker meet the eligibility and application criteria. The respondents are applicants and recipients of Social Security Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits.

3. Use of Information Technology to Collect the Information

Form SSA-7-F6 is available in PDF format on SSA's website, for respondents to print and mail back to SSA. SSA also collects the information electronically during a personal or telephone interview using SSA's Modernized Claims System (MCS).

In accordance with the agency's Government Paperwork Elimination Act plan, SSA created an Intranet version of form SSA-7-F6.

4. Why We Cannot Use Duplicate Information

The nature of the information we are collecting and the manner in which we are collecting it preclude duplication. SSA does not use another collection instrument to obtain similar data.

5. **Minimizing Burden on Small Respondents**

This collection does not affect small businesses or other small entities.

6. **Consequence of Not Collecting Information or Collecting it Less Frequently**

If we did not use form SSA-7-F6, the public would have no way to apply for parent benefits. Because we only collect the information once, we cannot collect it less frequently.

There are no technical or legal obstacles to 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**

The 60-day advance Federal Register Notice published on January 03, 2012, at 77 FR 147, and we received no public comments. The 30-day FRN published on March 30, 2012 at 77 FR 19406. If we receive any comments in response to this Notice, we will forward them to OMB.

We did not consult with the public in the maintenance of this form.

9. **Payment or Gifts to Respondents**

SSA does not provide payments or gifts to the respondents.

10. **Assurances of Confidentiality**

SSA protects and holds confidential the information it collects 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 1 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**

Collection Method	Number of Respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
MCS	153	1	15	38
MCS/Signature Proxy*	158	1	14	37

Paper	4	1	15	1
Totals	315			76

The total burden for this ICR is 76 hours. This figure represents burden hours, and we did not calculate a separate cost burden.

13. **Annual Cost to the Respondents (Other)**

The annual cost to the Federal Government is approximately \$1,455. This estimate is a projection of the costs for printing and distributing the collection instrument.

14. **Annual Cost To Federal Government**

There are no changes to the public reporting burden.

15. **Program Changes or Adjustments to the Information Collection Request**

SSA will not publish the results of the information collection.

16. **Plans for Publication Information Collection Results**

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 with life cycles exceeding those of an OMB approval. Since 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.

17. **Displaying the OMB Approval Expiration Date**

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. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

SSA does not use statistical methods for this information collection.