

## REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WIFE'S OR HUSBAND'S INSURANCE BENEFITS

### CHANGES TO BE REPORTED AND HOW TO REPORT FAILURE TO REPORT MAY RESULT IN OVERPAYMENTS THAT MUST BE REPAID, AND IN POSSIBLE MONETARY PENALTIES

- ▶ You change your mailing address for checks or residence. *To avoid delay in receipt of checks you should ALSO file a regular change of address notice with your post office.*
- ▶ Your citizenship or immigration status changes.
- ▶ Any beneficiary goes outside the U.S.A. for 30 consecutive days or longer.
- ▶ Any beneficiary dies or becomes unable to handle benefits.
- ▶ Work Changes — On your application you told us you expect total earnings for \_\_\_\_\_ to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year
- You  (are)  (are not) earning wages of more than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month.
- You  (are)  (are not) self-employed rendering substantial services in your trade or business.
- (Report AT ONCE if this work pattern changes)
- ▶ Change of Marital Status — Marriage, divorce, annulment of marriage. You must report marriage even if you believe that an exception applies.
- ▶ Custody Change or Disability Improves — Report if a person for whom you are filing, or who is in your care dies, leaves your care or custody, changes address, or, if disabled, the condition improves.
- ▶ You are confined to jail, prison, penal institution or correctional facility for conviction of a crime or confined to a public institution by court order in connection with a crime. Added Bullet
- ▶ If you become the parent of a child (including an adopted child) after you have filed your claim, let us know about the child so we can decide if the child is eligible for benefits. Failure to report the existence of these children may result in the loss of possible benefits to the child(ren).
- ▶ You have an unsatisfied warrant for your arrest for a crime or attempted crime that is a felony (or, in jurisdictions that do not define crimes as felonies, a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year.)
- ▶ You have an unsatisfied warrant for a violation of probation or parole under Federal or State law. Modified bullet
- ▶ You become entitled to a pension or annuity based on your employment not covered by Social Security, or if such pension or annuity changes or stops.

#### HOW TO REPORT

You can make your reports by telephone, mail, or in person, whichever you prefer.

Updated Section

If you are awarded benefits and one or more of the above change(s) occur, you should report by:

- ◆ Visiting the section "What You Can Do Online" at our web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov);
- ◆ Calling us TOLL FREE at 1-800-772-1213;
- ◆ If you are deaf or hearing impaired, calling us TOLL FREE at TTY 1-800-325-0778; or
- ◆ Calling, visiting or writing your local Social Security office at the phone number and address above.

For general information about Social Security, visit our web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

For those under full retirement age, the law requires that a report of earnings be filed with SSA within 3 months and 15 days after the end of any taxable year in which you earn more than the annual exempt amount. You may contact SSA to file a report. Otherwise, SSA will use the earnings reported by your employer(s) and your self-employment tax return (if applicable) as the report of earnings required by law, to adjust benefits under the earnings test. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you give concerning your earnings is correct. You must furnish additional information as needed when your benefit adjustment is not correct based on the earnings on your record.



## NOTICE ABOUT DOCUMENTS

Added "a copy of"

We recommend that you keep a copy of all documents you submitted to us.

We are returning the documents you submitted with this claim.

Revised Privacy Act Notice

### Collection and Use of Information From Your Application – Privacy Act Notice/Paperwork Act Notice

Sections 205, and 202 of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide to determine if you or a dependent are eligible for insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits. The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may prevent us from making an accurate and timely decision concerning your or a dependent's entitlement to benefit payments.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than for determining the identity of a spouse. 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 the following:

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 Veterans' Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and
4. To facilitate statistical research and audit activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of Social Security programs (e.g., to the Bureau of the Census and private concerns under contract to Social Security).

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 or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and our programs and systems, is available on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or at your local Social Security office.

See Revised PRA Attached (shows the time estimate for the SSA-2-BK)

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

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