

Privacy Act Statement

Collection and Use of Personal Information

The Social Security Act (sections 205(a), 702, 1631 (e)(1)(A) and (B), and 1869(b)(1) and (C), as appropriate) authorizes the collection of information on this form. The information you provide will help us to determine your potential eligibility for benefit payments and to help us to decide if additional information is needed. Your response is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may prevent an accurate and timely decision on any claim filed, or could result in the loss of benefits.

We rarely use the information provided on this form for any purpose other than for determining entitlement to benefit payments. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, however, we may disclose the information provided on this form 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 Veteran's 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, audit or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

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

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in System of Record Notice 60-0089. The notice, additional information regarding this form, and information regarding our programs and systems are available on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security office.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by Section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 15 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. The office is listed under U. S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).** *You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Send only comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.*