

# 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.

▶ Your stepchild is entitled to benefits on your record and you and the stepchild's parent divorce. Stepchild benefits are not payable beginning with the month after the month the divorce becomes final.

▶ You are confined to a jail, prison, penal institution or correctional facility for more than 30 continuous days for conviction of a crime, or you are confined for more than 30 continuous days to a public institution by a court order in connection with a crime.

▶ You have an unsatisfied warrant for more than 30 continuous days for your arrest for a crime or attempted crime that is a felony of flight to avoid prosecution or confinement, escape from custody and flight-escape. In most jurisdictions that do not classify crimes as felonies, this applies to a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year (regardless of the actual sentence)

▶ You have an unsatisfied warrant for more than 30 continuous days for a violation of probation or parole under Federal or State law.

▶ You begin to receive a government pension, or annuity, or you receive a lump sum payment (from the Federal government or any State or any political subdivision thereof) not covered by Social Security, or your pension or annuity amount changes or stops.

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

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

- ◆ 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 shown on your claim receipt.

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.

▶ Visiting the section "my Social Security" at our web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## NOTICE ABOUT DOCUMENTS

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

We are returning the documents you submitted with this claim.

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

The Social Security Administration is authorized to collect the information requested on this form under sections 202, 205 and 223 of the Social Security Act. The information you provide will be used by the Social Security Administration to determine if you or a dependent is eligible to insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits. You do not have to give us the requested information. However, if you do not provide the information, we will be unable to make an accurate and timely decision concerning your entitlement or a dependent's entitlement to benefit payments.

The information you provide may be disclosed to another Federal, State, or local government agency for determining eligibility for a government benefit or program, to a Congressional office requesting information on your behalf, to an independent party for the performance of research and statistical activities, or to the Department of Justice for use in representing the Federal government.

We may also use this information when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it.

See Revised Privacy Act and PRA Statements Attached

**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 12.5 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.** 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.***

*SSA will insert the following revised Privacy Act and PRA Statements into the form at its next scheduled reprinting:*

**Collection and Use of Personal Information  
Privacy Act Statement**

Sections 202, 205, and 223 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 is eligible to insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide all or part of the requested information, we will be unable to make an accurate and timely decision concerning your entitlement or a dependent's entitlement to benefit payments.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than for determining continuing eligibility. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of our 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 us in establishing rights to our benefits and coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from our 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, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of our programs. (e.g., to the Bureau of Census and to private entities under contract with us).

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. We use the information from these matching programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in our Privacy Act Systems of Records Notices entitled, Earnings Recording and Self Employment Income System (60-0059) and Claims Folders Systems (60-0089). Additional information regarding these and other systems of records notices, are available on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or at your local Social Security office.

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