

Social Security

The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration

Privacy Act Statement

Collection and Use of Information From the Application

If you are the applying for yourself

For The Applicant

See Revised Privacy Act Statement for Applicant Attached

205(a), and 1872 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402(a), 405 (a), and 1395(ii)). While it is voluntary, except in the circumstances explained below, we may not pay benefits unless we receive an application. Your response is mandatory where the refusal to disclose certain information affecting your right to payment would reflect a fraudulent intent to secure benefits not authorized by the Social Security Act. We need the information on this form to determine if you and your dependents are entitled to insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits. If you do not provide all or part of this information, it could prevent us from making an accurate and timely decision on your claim or your dependent's claim, and could result in the loss of some benefits or insurance coverage.

The information you furnish on this form is almost never used for any purpose other than to determine if you and your dependents are entitled to insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits. However, there is a possibility that for the administration of the Social Security programs or for the administration of programs requiring coordination with the Social Security Administration, we may disclose information to another person or to another agency as follows:

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 General Accountability Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs); and
3. To facilitate statistical research and audit activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of the 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 without your consent in automated matching programs. These matching programs are computer comparisons of our records with records kept by other Federal agencies or 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.

Explanations about these and other reasons why information you provide us may be used or given out are available in Social Security offices. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security office.

If you are helping someone

For the Third Party Filer

See Revised Privacy Act Statement for Third Party Filer Attached

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is allowed to collect the information you provide about yourself as a third party filer on this application under Section 205 of the Social Security Act. We need this information to identify who you are as the third party filer and to provide it to the claimant on the summary sheet of the application. Giving us this information is voluntary. However, without it we may not be able to process the application.

While the information you furnish on this form would almost never be used for any purpose other than the intended use of this form, such information may be disclosed by SSA as generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This includes using the information as necessary for administrative purposes or as authorized by routine uses in the applicable Privacy Act system of records.

Explanations about possible reasons why information you provide us may be used or given out are available upon request from any Social Security office.

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SSA will insert the following revised Applicant Privacy Act Statement into the iClaim website upon OMB's approval:

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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 are eligible for insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failing to provide all or part of 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 determining benefit payments for you or a dependent. 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, including but not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist us in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or 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 of Social Security 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 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 or at your local Social Security office.

SSA will insert the following revised Third Party Filer Privacy Act Statement into the iClaim website upon OMB's approval:

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Sections 205 and 223 of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide, as a third party filer on this application, to identify who you are as the third party filer and to provide it to the claimant on the summary sheet of the application.

Furnishing us the information is voluntary. However, failing to provide all or part of the requested information may prevent us from processing the application.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than identifying you as the third party filer. 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, including but not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist us in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or 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);
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