Social Security Administration Representative Payee Report

Why You Received This Form	We must regularly review how representative payees used the benefits they received on behalf of the Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries. We do this to ensure the benefits are used properly. When you were appointed representative payee, you were informed of the duties and responsibilities of a representative payee, including keeping records and reporting on the use of benefits.							
What You Need To Do	You must report to SSA on your use of benefits if you received any Social Security and/or SSI payments during the 12 month period shown on the enclosed form. You must do this if you wish to continue receiving benefits on behalf of another person. You should use the records you have saved to answer the questions on the enclosed form.							
	You may submit this form online via <u>www.ssa.gov/payee</u> . Please follow the instructions for Internet Payee Accounting Report. If you complete the form online, you will be able to print a receipt and a copy of your report. If you report online, you should have all your records and the enclosed form handy to help you answer the questions. You should not send in a paper form if you complete the online version.							
	Any records you have saved such as bank statements, cancelled checks, receipts for rent, etc., should be kept for two years from the time you file your report with SSA. You should not send in any of these records with your report form. If we have any questions or require proof, we will contact you.							
General Instructions If You Complete and Return The Enclosed Form	Please read these instructions before you complete the enclosed report form or submit your report online. You should either complete and return the report form, or submit the online report, within 30 days.							
	 To help us process your report, please follow these instructions: Use black ink. Keep your numbers and "X's" inside the boxes. Do not use dollar signs. Show money amounts in dollars only. Do not show cents. 							
	For example, show \$1,540.30 like this:							
	DOLLAR AMOUNT							
	 5. Use the REMARKS section on the back of the form to provide additional information as requested. 6. Review the payee mailing address and correct if necessary. If you change the payee mailing address to a P.O. Box, show the payee's actual physical address in REMARKS. 7. Print job title in the boxes provided using capital letters. For example, print "Administrator" like this: 							
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	8. Be sure you, the representative payee, sign the form.							

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Som	e	Benefits - The Social Security and/or SSI money that you receive.							
Definitions To Help You		Payee - You. The person (or organization) who receives Social Security and/or SSI benefits for someone else.							
		Beneficiary - The person for whom you receive Social Security and/or SSI benefits.							
		Legal Guardian - The person or organization appointed by a state court to manage the affairs of the beneficiary.							
		Fees - Money collected from a beneficiary for payee or guardianship services.							
		Report Period - The 12-month period shown on the report for which you must account for the benefits you received.							
		Total Accountable Amount - The amount of benefits paid to you during the report period plus any amount you reported as saved on last year's report.							
		HOW TO FILL OUT THE FORM							
QUESTION 1 – Beneficiary Custody Changes		Place an "X" in the "YES" box if the beneficiary continued to live alone, or with the same person, or in the same institution during the entire report period. Place an "X" in the "NO" box if different people or different institutions took care of the beneficiary during any part of the report period. Explain the change and provide the beneficiary's current address under REMARKS.							
Acco	STION 2 – unting Benefits	The total accountable amount includes the benefits you received during the report period plus any benefits you reported as saved on last year's report.							
А.	Who Decided How Benefits Were Used?	Place an "X" in the "YES" box if you (the payee) decided how the benefits were spent or saved. Place an "X" in the "NO" box if the beneficiary or someone else decided how to use the money, and explain under REMARKS.							
B.	Did You Charge A Fee? <u>And</u> How Much Did You Collect?	Place an "X" in the "YES" box if you charged the beneficiary a fee for payee or guardianship services you provided during the report period <u>and</u> show the total amount of benefits you collected from the beneficiary. If you did not charge the beneficiary a fee, place an "X" in the "NO" box and <u>go to</u> 2.C. below.							
C.	Food and Housing	Show the total amount of benefits spent for food and housing for the beneficiary during the report period.							
D.	Personal Items	Show the total amount of benefits spent on clothing, medical/dental care, education, and recreational items like toys, movies, cameras, radios, candy, stationary, grooming aids, etc. during the report period. Note: If the beneficiary lives in an institution or other care facility, you should spend at least \$360 a year for the beneficiary's personal needs. If you spent less than \$360, explain under REMARKS.							
Е.	Unused Benefits	Show the amount of benefits you saved for the beneficiary at the end of the report period including any interest earned. Show zeroes if you did not save any of the benefits.							

-	ESTION 3 -	Answer this question if you showed an amount in 2E.						
Savi	ings Information							
А.	Type Of Account	Place an "X" in the box which shows how you are saving the benefits. Place an "X" in the "Other" box if your method of saving the benefits is not listed.						
B.	Account Title	Place an "X" in the box which most accurately describes the wording of the account title you have on the beneficiary's savings. Place an "X" in the "Other" box if the account title is different or if you have not placed the savings in any type of account.						
Oth	ESTION 4 - er Savings/ ount Titles	Answer this question only if you checked "OTHER" in 3.A. or 3.B.						
А.	Type Of Account	Indicate whether the saved benefits are in cash, Treasury Bills, or some other investment such as mutual funds. For mutual funds, be sure to show the name of the fund in your response (e.g., "XYZ Growth" mutual fund).						
B.	Title Of Account	Show the title of the account if the savings are in an account or other investment. Show "none" if the savings are not in an account or investment.						
C.	Payee's Signature	Sign your name in this block . If the payee is an organization, an authorized person <u>must</u> sign the form. This includes the signature of those employees designated to complete the report on behalf of the payee.						
D.	Job Title	If you represent an organization, show your job title (e.g., administrator, bookkeeper, etc.).						

Your Responsibilities As Representative Payee

We appreciate your services as representative payee. As payee, you must use the Social Security and/or SSI benefits you receive for the care and well being of the beneficiary. You need to know the beneficiary's needs so that you can use the money properly.

In addition to reporting on the use of benefits, you must report any changes which may affect the beneficiary's eligibility for benefits, or the payment amount. You should report the changes as soon as possible by calling SSA at 1-800-772-1213, or by calling or writing your local SSA office. For example, you must tell us if the beneficiary:

- dies,
- moves (especially if he/she enters or leaves a hospital or other institution),
- marries,
- starts or stops working,
- is imprisoned,
- is adopted,
- no longer needs a payee, or
- you are no longer responsible for the beneficiary.

If you are payee for a child receiving SSI benefits, we may ask you for proof that the child is receiving medical treatment for his/her disabling condition. We may ask for this information at the time we review the child's case. If we do ask for this information, you must give it to us.

If you are no longer payee for the beneficiary, you must return any Social Security funds you have saved to SSA.

The Privacy Act And Paperwork Reduction Act Statements

Sections 205(j) and 1631(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information to enable us to account for the claimant's payments and to ensure that you use the payments for the claimant's needs. Your responses are voluntary. However, without the information, we may not be able to continue sending the claimant's payments to you.

We rarely use the information you give us for any purpose other than for accounting purposes. 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:

- 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);
- 2. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of Social Security programs;
- 3. To respond to a request on your behalf from a Congressional office or the Office of the President; and
- 4. To other Federal agencies and our contractors, including external data sources, to assist us in efficiently administering our programs.

We may also use the information you give us 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 System of Records Notice (SORN) entitled, Master Representative Payee File (60-0222). The complete SORN, addition information about this form, routine uses of information, and our programs and systems are available online at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u> or 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 <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. 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 necessary facts, and answer the questions. *You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA*, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235. Send <u>only</u> *comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.*

If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-772-1213. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you prefer to visit one of our offices, please use the 800 number and we will give you the address and telephone number of the office nearest you. Please take this report with you if you visit an office. You may also visit our website at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u>.

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•	If you showed an amount in 2.E. (front page), place an "X" in the boxes below to show how you
3.	are saving the benefits. If you have more than one account, you may mark more than one box in
	each section.

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