

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILD'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 or any child changes the 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.
- Any child's 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 _____ expected total earnings

(Name of Child)
for _____ to be \$ _____
(Year)
_____ (is) (is not) earning
(Name of Child)
wages of more than \$ _____ a month.

_____ (is) (is not) self-
(Name of Child)
employed and rendering substantial services in a trade or business.

(Report AT ONCE if this work pattern changes)

- Custody Change - Report if a child for whom you are filing, or who is in your care dies, leaves your care or custody, or changes address.
- The child age 13 or older has an unsatisfied warrant for more than 30 days for his or her arrest, or 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, a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year.
- The child age 13 or older has for more than 30 continuous days committed a violation of probation or parole under Federal or State law.
- A student, age 18 or over, stops attending school, reduces school attendance below full-time, changes schools, or is paid by an employer to attend school.
- If the worker and stepchild's parent divorce. Benefits are not payable to a stepchild beginning with the month after the month the worker and stepchild's parent divorce. Promptly return any benefit payment received on behalf of the stepchild for the months after the month the divorce becomes final.

- The child is confined for more than 30 continuous days to a jail, prison, penal institution or correctional facility for conviction of a crime or confined to a public institution by a court order in connection with a crime.
- Change of Marital Status - Marriage, divorce, or annulment of marriage of any child. You must report marriage even if you believe that an exception applies.
- Disability Applicants - In addition to the applicable reporting requirements listed above:
 1. The disabled adult child returns to work (as an employee or self-employed) regardless of amount of earnings.
 2. The disabled adult child's condition improves.

An agency in your State that works with us in administering the Social Security disability program is responsible for making the disability decision on the child's claim. In some cases, it is necessary for them to get additional information about the child's condition or to arrange for the child to have a medical examination at Government expense.

HOW TO REPORT

You can make your reports 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:

- Visiting the section "What You Can Do Online" at our web site at 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.

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 the child earns more than the annual exempt amount. You may contact SSA to file a report for the child. Otherwise, SSA will use the earnings reported by the child's employer(s) and the child's 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 the child's earnings is correct.

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.

Privacy Act Statement Collection and Use of Personal Information

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 eligibility for monthly benefits or insurance coverage.

Furnishing us this information is voluntary. However, failing to provide us with all or part of the 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 you supply us for any purpose other than to make a determination regarding eligibility for monthly benefits and authorize payments to the child or children of living or deceased workers. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of our programs. We may also disclose the 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 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 and improvement of our programs (e.g., to the Bureau of the Census and to private entities under contract with us).

We also may use the information you give us in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State and 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 of the information you provided us is available in our Systems of Records Notices entitled, Claims Folder System, 60-0089 and Medicare Database (MDB) File, 60-0321. Additional information about these and other system of records notices and our programs are available online 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 (OMB) control number. We estimate that it will take about 12 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **Send only comments relating to our time estimate above to:** SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.