## Justification for Non-Substantive Changes for SSA-1696 Claimant's Appointment of a Representative CFR Citations OMB No. 0960-0527

## **Revisions to the Collection Instrument**

We are making the following non-substantive revisions to the SSA-1696:

• **<u>Change #1</u>**: We are removing the SSN requirement from Section 1 – Claimant's Information

**Justification #1:** Representatives commented during our previous Federal Register Notice comment period last year that this was an unnecessary duplicate of the header (which is required information); therefore, we are removing it.

• **<u>Change #2</u>**: We are removing the Appointed Rep ID requirement from Section 4, Representative's Information.

**Justification #2:** Representatives commented during our previous Federal Register Notice comment period last year that this was an unnecessary duplicate of the headliner; therefore we are removing it.

• **<u>Change #3</u>**: We are highlighting sub parts in Section 5.

**Justification #3:** Representatives commented during our previous Federal Register Notice comment period last year that page 5 was confusing, including the certifications with the affiliation. Therefore we are highlighting portions to help avoid confusion.

• **<u>Change #4</u>**: We are adding "I work for a non-profit organization (e.g., Law clinic or state legal aid) to Representative Status in Section 5.

**Justification #4:** We are requesting this information to better distinguish between the types of representatives.

We will implement these changes upon OMB approval.