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1. Pages

1.1. SICA_Sign In - Create Account



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Create Your Account

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Finish Setting Up Your Account

[Enter Activation Code](#)

Sign In

Username

[Forgot Username?](#)

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)


[Sign In](#)

Are you now, or have you ever been a victim of domestic violence? Identity theft? Do you have other concerns?
You can [block electronic access](#) to your information at any time, for any reason.

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1.2. CATS_Create an Account - Terms of Service (NO CHANGES MADE)



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Terms of Service

You must be able to verify some information about yourself and:

- Have a valid email address;
- Have a Social Security number;
- Have a U.S. mailing address; and
- Be at least 18 years of age.

You can only create an account using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You cannot create an account on behalf of another person or using another person's information or identity, even if you have that person's written permission.

For example, you cannot create an account for another person:

- With whom you have a business relationship;
- For whom you are an appointed representative; or
- For whom you are a representative payee.

Only you can use the account that you create with us. You can never share the use of your account with anyone else under any circumstances. You can never use another person's account.

What will we do with your information?

We use the information you give us to verify your identity against our records. We also use an external [Identity Services Provider](#) to verify your information against their records. We do not share your Social Security number with them, and they keep your information only for the period of time permitted by federal laws, regulations, or guidelines.

When you make a verification request to establish your account, our [Identity Services Provider](#) may use information from your credit report to help verify your identity. As a result, you may see a "soft" inquiry entry on your credit report with the [Identity Services Provider](#), indicating that the Social Security Administration made an inquiry at your request and the date of that request. Soft inquiries do not affect your credit score, and you do not incur any charges related to them. Soft inquiries are displayed in the version of the credit report provided to a consumer and are not reported to lenders. Soft inquiries will not appear on your credit report from other providers. Soft inquiries are generally removed from your credit report after 12 months. Once you have registered for an online account, you will not generate additional soft inquiries by logging in to access our services.

What happens if you provide false information or misuse this service?

You may be subject to criminal or civil penalties, or both, if you provide false or misleading statements to sign in or create an account or engage in unauthorized use of this service.

Who is responsible if the device you are using is not adequately safeguarded?

You accept that the responsibility to properly protect any information provided to you by Social Security is yours and that you are the responsible party should any information on or from your computer or other device be improperly disclosed. You agree that Social Security is not responsible for the improper disclosure of any information that Social Security has provided to you, whether due to your own negligence or the wrongful acts of others.

Social Security is Going "Green"

When you create a **my Social Security** account, you will no longer receive a paper Social Security *Statement* in the mail. You will, however, receive an email reminder — which contains no personal information — approximately three months before your birthday, to remind you to review your *Statement* online.

If you need a *Statement* by mail, please [follow these instructions](#).

With your **my Social Security** account, you can immediately view, download, or print your *Statement*. Your online *Statement* contains the most up-to-date information in our records about your earnings and benefit.


I agree to the Terms of Service.

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1.3. CAVI_Create Account Verify Identity



Social Security

Please tell us who you are

Your Name
As shown on your Social Security card.

First M.I. Last Suffix

Social Security Number (SSN)

- - [SHOW SSN](#)

Example: 000-00-0000

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Home Address
We cannot accept a business address unless it is also the place where you live. The information you provide here will not update any information we have on file.

Street Address Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.

City/Town State/Territory ZIP Code

Is this the address on your driver's license, learner's permit, or other state-issued ID?

Yes

No

I don't have any of these.

Cell Phone [I don't have a cell phone number.](#)
This could help us verify your identity.
10-digit Number

Email Address
We need this to communicate with you about your online account.

Confirm Email Address
Emails must match

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1.4. Why We Ask for Your Cell Phone Number Light Box

Why We Ask For Your Cell Phone Number ✕

We encourage you to provide us with your cell phone number to help us:

- Verify your identity in real-time;
- Provide you with information you will need to finish creating your account;
- Provide you with information you will need when accessing your account;
- Notify you when a message is waiting for you in Message Center.

If you do not have a cell phone number, you can continue without providing one.

Close

1.5. VYIC_Verify Your Identity Choices (informational text hidden)



Social Security

Please choose how to verify your identity

You will only need to do this once.

Select one of the following.

Valid IDs include driver's license, learner's permit, and state-issued ID card.

Take Photos of your ID and a Selfie with Smart Phone
Your photos will be deleted after your identity is verified.

Type ID and Financial Information

[How does this help Social Security verify my identity?](#)

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1.6. VYIC_Verify Your Identity Choices (informational text shown)



Social Security

Please choose how to verify your identity

You will only need to do this once.

Select one of the following.

Valid IDs include driver's license, learner's permit, and state-issued ID card.

Take Photos of your ID and a Selfie with Smart Phone
Your photos will be deleted after your identity is verified.

Type ID and Financial Information

[^ How does this help Social Security verify my identity?](#)

We use state-issued driver's licenses, learner's permits, and ID cards to make sure that the person creating an account in your name is actually you, not someone pretending to be you.

We make sure the information on your ID matches the information held by the issuing state.

If you provide photos of your ID and a selfie, we make sure that the faces match. The technology we use works even if you have made cosmetic changes, like growing a mustache or beard.

Only valid, non-expired state-issued IDs are accepted.

If your ID is lost or stolen, and you report it to the issuing state, the person who finds or steals your ID will not be able to use it to create a My Social Security account in your name.

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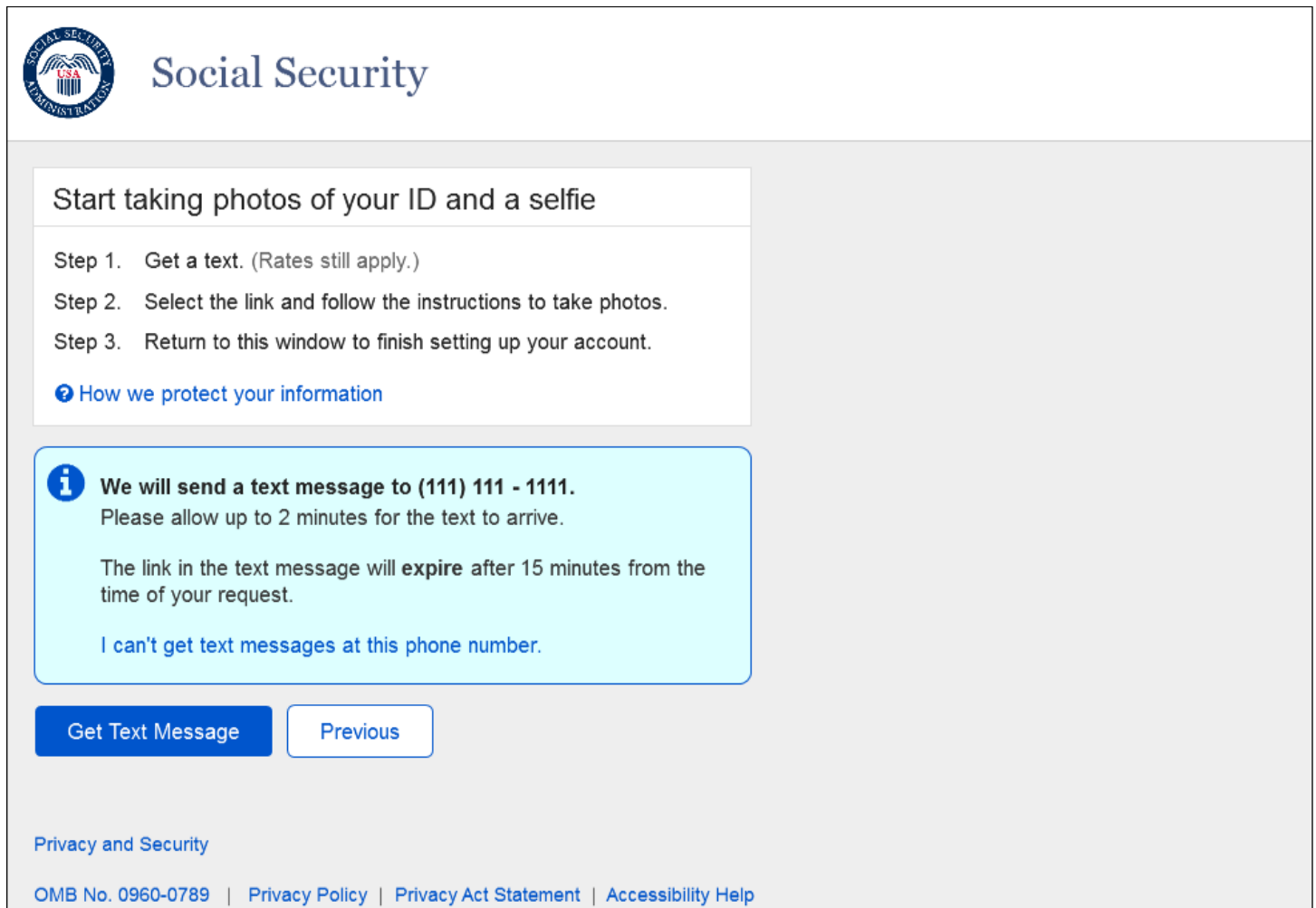
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1.7. DLVRF_Start taking photos

Note: When the Get Text Message button is selected:

- A text message will be sent from Equifax to the user. Please see related screen package for Equifax's text message and photo capture screens.
- The screen depicted in section 1.9 of this document will be displayed in the user's current browser window.



The screenshot shows the Social Security Administration's website interface. At the top left is the Social Security Administration logo. The main heading is "Social Security". Below this, a white box contains the title "Start taking photos of your ID and a selfie" and three numbered steps: "Step 1. Get a text. (Rates still apply.)", "Step 2. Select the link and follow the instructions to take photos.", and "Step 3. Return to this window to finish setting up your account." Below the steps is a link: "How we protect your information". A light blue information box contains an information icon, the text "We will send a text message to (111) 111 - 1111. Please allow up to 2 minutes for the text to arrive.", "The link in the text message will expire after 15 minutes from the time of your request.", and a link "I can't get text messages at this phone number." Below the information box are two buttons: "Get Text Message" (highlighted in blue) and "Previous". At the bottom left is a link "Privacy and Security". At the bottom center is a footer with links: "OMB No. 0960-0789 | Privacy Policy | Privacy Act Statement | Accessibility Help".

1.8. How We Protect Your Information Light Box

How We Protect Your Information ✕

When you select the *Get Text Message* button, you will get a text from our non-government third-party identity services provider (ISP) contracted by Social Security with a link to their web page. Selecting the link will begin the photo capture process.

You will need to capture photos of the front and back of your driver's license or other state-issued ID, and a photo of your face, in order for your identity to be verified. The ISP is responsible for protecting your information in accordance with Federal law and Social Security's privacy regulations.

Please refer to Social Security's [Privacy Policy](#) and [Privacy Act Statement](#) for the uses associated with Social Security's collection and maintenance of your information.

[Close](#)

1.9. Tell Us When You've Finished Taking Photos



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Please do not close this window.

You need to finish setting up your account after taking photos.



We sent a text message to (111) 111 - 1111.

Please allow up to 2 minutes for the text to arrive.

The link in the text message will **expire** after 15 minutes from the time of your request.

Please tell us when you have finished taking photos

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your reception and text messaging.
- You may need to move to a location where your phone can receive a text message.
- Please check that your phone can receive text messages.

Still having trouble?

You can [request a new text message](#) or [type your information](#).

Have you taken photos of your ID and a selfie?

Yes, I finished taking photos.


No, I need to type my information instead.

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1.10. MDLE_Manual ID Entry



Social Security

Please enter ID information

You can use the following forms of ID:

- Driver's License
- Learner's Permit
- State-issued ID card

Identification Type


<input type="radio"/> Driver's License
<input type="radio"/> Learner's Permit
<input type="radio"/> State-Issued ID Card

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1.10.1. Driver's License Selected



Social Security

Please enter ID information

You can use the following forms of ID:

- Driver's License
- Learner's Permit
- State-issued ID card

Identification Type

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Driver's License
<input type="radio"/> Learner's Permit
<input type="radio"/> State-Issued ID Card

State/Territory
Where your driver's license was issued, even if you don't live there now.

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Driver's License Number

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1.10.2. Learner's Permit Selected



Social Security

Please enter ID information

You can use the following forms of ID:

- Driver's License
- Learner's Permit
- State-issued ID card

Identification Type

Driver's License

Learner's Permit

State-Issued ID Card

State/Territory

Where your learner's permit was issued, even if you don't live there now.

Learner's Permit Number


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1.10.3. State-Issued ID Card Selected



Social Security

Please enter ID information

You can use the following forms of ID:

- Driver's License
- Learner's Permit
- State-issued ID card

Identification Type

<input type="radio"/> Driver's License
<input type="radio"/> Learner's Permit
<input checked="" type="radio"/> State-Issued ID Card

State/Territory
Where your state-issued ID card was issued, even if you don't live there now.


State-Issued ID Card Number

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1.11. SYDO_Select Your Delivery Option for Activation Code



Social Security

Get your activation code

An activation code helps us verify your identity, and improves the security of your account.

How do you want to receive your activation code?

<input type="radio"/> Text Message (111) 111 - 1111 Your rates still apply.
<input type="radio"/> Email user@email.com
<input type="radio"/> Mail 5-10 days

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1.12. ECYR_Enter Activation Code_Text Message (informational text shown)

Social Security

We sent a text message to (111) 111 - 1111.
Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.

The activation code will **expire** after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

Please enter your activation code

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your reception and text messaging.
- You may need to move to a location where your phone can receive a text message.
- Please check that your phone can receive text messages.

Still having trouble?


We can [send a new activation code](#) or you can [change how we send your activation code](#).

Enter the activation code you just received.

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1.13. ECYR_Enter Activation Code_Cell Only (informational text shown)



Social Security

i **We sent a text message to (111) 111 - 1111.**
Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.

The activation code will **expire** after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

An activation code helps us verify your identity, and improves the security of your account.

Please enter your activation code

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your reception and text messaging.
- You may need to move to a location where your phone can receive a text message.
- Please check that your phone can receive text messages.

Still having trouble?
We can [send a new activation code](#).

Enter the activation code you just received.

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1.14. ECYR_Enter Activation Code_Email (informational text shown)

Social Security

We sent an email to user@email.com.
Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.

The activation code will **expire** after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

Please enter your activation code

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your email account's Spam folder.
- Add email@SSA.gov to your email provider's "Safe Sender's List."

Still having trouble?

We can [send a new activation code](#) or you can [change how we send your activation code](#).

Enter the activation code you just received.

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1.15. ECYR_Enter Activation Code_Email Only (informational text shown)

Social Security

i **We sent an email to user@email.com.**
Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.

The activation code will **expire** after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

An activation code helps us verify your identity, and improves the security of your account.

Please enter your activation code

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your email account's Spam folder.
- Add email@SSA.gov to your email provider's "Safe Sender's List."

Still having trouble?
We can [send a new activation code](#).

Enter the activation code you just received.

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1.16. SMAC_Notice_User Chooses Mailed Activation Code



Social Security



We have sent you a letter with an activation code.

An activation code helps us verify your identity and improves the security of your account. You will only need to provide this code once.

A letter with your activation code was sent to:

321 Main Street
Laurel, MD 20707

Please allow 5-10 business days to receive your activation code.

Once you have received your activation code, you can finish setting up your account online by following the instructions in your letter.

If you require immediate assistance, please [contact us](#).

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1.17. CASI_Out of Wallet (OOW) (NO CHANGES MADE)



Social Security

Please tell us about yourself

[Why are these questions important?](#)

In which of the following cities have you previously lived?

- MAYBERRY
- DALLAS
- SPRINGFIELD
- BEDFORD FALLS
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

Which of the following is a previous phone number?

- 697-1960
- 589-1697
- 536-2502
- 495-1600
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

What is the name of the county in which you currently live?

- SILVER MEADOWS
- NEWFIELD HEIGHTS
- ORANGE HILLS
- ROCHESTER
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

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1.18. FIVRF_Financial Verification



Social Security

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

- the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card
- the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits
- information from a W-2 tax form
- information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form


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1.18.1. Credit Card Selected **(NO CHANGES MADE)**



Social Security

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

- the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card
- the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits
- information from a W-2 tax form
- information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form

Enter the last 8 digits from your credit card

[Tell me more.](#)

We can only accept Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards. We do not verify debit cards. This information is only used once to verify your identity.


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1.18.2. Last Direct Deposit Amount Selected

 **Social Security**

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

- the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card
- the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits
- information from a W-2 tax form
- information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form

Enter the amount of your last Social Security direct deposit:

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We only need the whole dollar amount.


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1.18.3. W-2 Tax Form Selected **(NO CHANGES MADE)**

 **Social Security**

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

<input type="radio"/> the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card
<input type="radio"/> the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits
<input checked="" type="radio"/> information from a W-2 tax form
<input type="radio"/> information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form

Enter the amount in Box 5 from your W-2

[Tell me more.](#)

We can better verify your identity if you use an older W-2 (within the last 5 years, excluding last year).

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Enter the EIN from your W-2


You can find the EIN in Box B on your W-2.

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1.18.4. 1040 Schedule SE Selected **(NO CHANGES MADE)**

 **Social Security**

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

- the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card
- the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits
- information from a W-2 tax form
- information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form

Enter the amount in Box 4 (or Box 6 on the long form) from your 1040 Schedule SE

[Tell me more.](#)

We can better verify your identity if you use an older 1040 Schedule SE from the last 5 years.


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1.19. CACA_Create Account Create Account (NO CHANGES MADE)



Social Security

Please create your account details

Username
Cannot be your name or Social Security number (SSN) and must be:
8-20 characters
Available

Password
Must:
Begin with a letter or number
Contain 8-64 characters
Contain upper & lowercase letters
Contain numbers
Contain symbols (! @ # \$ % ^ & *)

Please choose password reset questions

[Why?](#)

Question 1

Answer 1

Question 2


Answer 2

Question 3


Answer 3

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1.20. CAC_Confirmation/Success (NO CHANGES MADE)



Social Security

 **Congratulations! You have successfully set up your *my* Social Security account.**

In the future, you will use two steps to sign in to your account.


Step 1: Enter your **username** and **password**.

Step 2: Enter the **security code** that we will send you.

You can add or change the ways to receive security codes on the Security Settings tab on the *my* Social Security home page.

How can I protect my information?

Please keep your information safe. Do not share your password with anyone.

 [Tips for protecting your identity.](#)

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1.21. MDLE_Manual Driver License Entry_Strike



Social Security

! We cannot verify the information you provided.

Please enter ID information

You can use the following forms of ID:

- Driver's License
- Learner's Permit
- State-issued ID card

Identification Type

- | |
|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Driver's License |
| <input type="radio"/> Learner's Permit |
| <input type="radio"/> State-Issued ID Card |

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1.22. CASI_MDLE_Manual Driver License Entry_3 Strikes

Social Security

i We were unable to verify some of your information. You can still create an account by providing some different information.

Please tell us about yourself

? Why are these questions important?

In which of the following cities have you previously lived?

- MAYBERRY
- DALLAS
- SPRINGFIELD
- BEDFORD FALLS
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

Which of the following is a previous phone number?

- 697-1960
- 589-1697
- 536-2502
- 495-1600
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

What is the name of the county in which you currently live?


- SILVER MEADOWS
- NEWFIELD HEIGHTS
- ORANGE HILLS
- ROCHESTER
- NONE OF THE ABOVE

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1.23. FIVRF_Financial Verification_Strike

 **Social Security**

! We cannot verify the information you provided.

Please choose how to provide financial information

Verify your identity with one of the following:

the last 8 digits from your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card

the last direct deposit amount from your Social Security benefits

information from a W-2 tax form

information from a 1040 Schedule SE (self-employment) tax form

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1.24. ECYR_Warning_Existing Activation Code



Social Security



You have an existing Activation Code.

A letter with your activation code has been sent to your home address. If you still have your activation code, please [finish setting up your account](#).

If you no longer have your activation code, you can create an account on or after [DATE].

If you require immediate assistance, please [contact us](#).

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1.25. ECYR_Expired Activation Code



Social Security



The activation code you entered has expired. Please request a new activation code below.



We sent a text message to (***) *** - 1111.

Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.

The activation code will expire after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

Please enter your activation code

[^ Having trouble?](#)

- Check your reception and text messaging.
- You may need to move to a location where your phone can receive a text message.
- Please check that your phone can receive text messages.

Still having trouble?

We can [send a new activation code](#) or you can [change how we send your activation code](#).

Enter the activation code you just received.

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1.26. ECYR_Activation Code Mismatch

Social Security

! The activation code you entered does not match the activation code we sent you. Please re-enter the activation code you received.

i We sent a text message to (***) *** - 1111.
Please allow up to 2 minutes for the activation code to arrive.
The activation code will expire after 10 minutes from the time of your request.

Please enter your activation code

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- Check your reception and text messaging.
- You may need to move to a location where your phone can receive a text message.
- Please check that your phone can receive text messages.

Still having trouble?
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1.27. Warning_Digital Lockout Mailed Activation Code



Social Security

! We cannot verify the information you provided. We have sent you a letter with a new activation code.

An activation code helps us verify your identity and improves the security of your account. You will only need to provide this code once.

A letter with your new activation code was sent to:

321 Main Street
Laurel, MD 20707

Please allow 5-10 business days to receive your new activation code.

Once you have received your new activation code, you can finish setting up your account online by following the instructions in your letter.

If you require immediate assistance, please [contact us](#).

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1.28. Permanent Lockout_Photo Capture Failure



Social Security



We have suspended electronic access to your personal information.

We tried to match the information you provided, but were unable to do so.

This suspension will not affect any Social Security benefits you receive. For further assistance, please [contact us](#).

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1.29. Opt In/Out Screen

 Social Security

Please help us make it easier to create your account

We are asking for volunteers to try a new way of creating a *my* Social Security account.
Participation is voluntary and will not affect your Social Security benefits.

Would you like to try the new account creation process?

Yes, I'll try the new process and provide feedback.

No, I'll use the regular process.

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