SSA Death Process Notices (for both EDR and Manual Process)

The Death Alert Control and Update System (DACUS) receives death records from State Bureaus of Vital Statistics and other entities. The records undergo a series of checks before they are accepted for processing. Duplicates, records with invalid State Codes, those that fail surface edits and those with incorrect Social Security Numbers (SSNs) are rejected.

When death records are submitted by a State, notices are returned showing the numbers of records input, processed and rejected, in addition to other data. These reports are called SSA Death Process Notices.

SSA receives death records from participating EDR States. These records go through an online SSN verification check prior to submission to SSA. EDR records that pass the online SSN verification are referred to as “verified EDR” records. EDR records that do not pass the online SSN verification are referred to as “unverified EDR” records. In addition, SSA continues to accept death records that do not go through the EDR or online SSN verification processes. These records are referred to as “non-EDR” records.

**SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR (State) – VERIFIED EDR**

This notice gives totals for verified EDR records when they are submitted. ***See a facsimile of the notice in appendix A for EDR submissions***.

**SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR (State) – UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR**

This notice gives totals for unverified EDR and non-EDR records. ***See a facsimile of the notice in appendix B for manual process submissions***.

When verified EDR records are input for processing, the SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE for VERIFIED EDR will be available on the first business day following the processing date.

When unverified EDR and non-EDR records are input for processing, the SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE for UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR will be available on the third business day following the processing date. This is because records with unverified SSNs go through an SSN verification process prior to input to DACUS and this requires extra processing days. When multiple types of records are input on the same processing date, the notices will reflect the same PROCESSING DATE entry, even though they are produced on different days.

Example - On Monday 02/05/2007, a file is received from a State containing 1,000 death records. Of these, 600 are verified EDR records, 300 are unverified EDR records and 100 are non-EDR records.

The SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR (State) - VERIFIED EDR will be available on Tuesday, 02/06/2007. This will include totals for the 600 verified EDR records.

The SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR (State) - UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR will be available on Thursday, 02/08/2007. These reports will include totals for the remaining records submitted on 02/05/2007.

All reports will show 02/05/2007 as the PROCESSING DATE.

### Appendix A

### SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

VERIFIED EDR

PROCESSING DATE: MM/DD/CCYY

**REPORT COUNTS**

**BY TYPE: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

VERIFIED EDR XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

**VERIFIED EDR REPORT COUNTS**

**BY YEAR: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

2005 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2006 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2007 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

### ERROR SUMMARY

**ERROR SURFACE NO MATCH**

**CODE FIELD EDIT TO SSA TOTAL**

23 EDR DATE OF DEATH XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

25 EDR DUPLICATES XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

26 EDR UNCONFIRMED N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

27 EDR VERIFICATION DATE XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

### ACTUAL AGE

**DEATHS IN 2007- EDR REPORTS RECEIVED: PROCESSED:**

WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

**DEATHS IN 2006- EDR REPORTS RECEIVED: PROCESSED:**

WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

**DEATHS PRIOR TO 2006- EDR REPORTS RECEIVED: PROCESSED:**

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

### ERROR RECORDS

A listing of all erroneous records will appear here. The fields shown below will be displayed for each record:

Position Field Name Length

1-2 Spaces 2

3-4 Error Code 2

5-8 Spaces 4

9-17 Social Security Number 9

18-37 Last Name 20

38-52 First Name 15

53-67 Middle Name 15

68-75 Date of Death 8

76-83 Date of Birth 8

84 Sex Code 1

85-86 State Source of Death 2

87 Space 1

88-113 Death Certificate Number 26

114 EDR Verify Code 1

115-122 Date of SSN Verification 8

123-132 Spaces 10

**Explanation of Entries on the SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE - VERIFIED EDR**

**SSA DEATH PROCESSING NOTICE FOR ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This entry shows the name of the State that submitted the records

**PROCESSING DATE: MM/DD/CCYY**

This is the date that the VERIFIED EDR records were input to DACUS

**REPORT COUNTS BY TYPE:**

**INPUT**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input to DACUS

**PROCESSED**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records that will be processed

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records that will not be processed

**ERROR** **RATE**

The percentage of VERIFIED EDR records that contain exception conditions

**VERIFIED EDR REPORT COUNTS BY YEARS**

**INPUTS**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the current year

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the prior year

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the two years prior to the current year.

**PROCESSED**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records in the current year that will be processed.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records in the prior year that will be processed.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the two years prior to the current year that will be processed.

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records in the current year that will not be processed.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records in the prior year that will not be processed.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the two years prior to the current year that will not be processed.

**ERROR RATE**

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records that contain exception conditions in the current year.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records that contain exception conditions in the prior year.

The total number of VERIFIED EDR records input in the two years prior to the current year that will contain exceptions conditions.

**ERROR SUMMARY:**

**CODE 23 - EDR DATE OF DEATH - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of VERIFIED EDR records input where the DATE OF DEATH (DOD) failed surface editing routines

**CODE 25 - EDR DUPLICATES - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of duplicate VERIFIED EDR records input

**CODE 26 - EDR UNCONFIRMED - NO MATCH TO SSA and TOTAL counts**

The number of VERIFIED EDR records input where a match to SSA records shows that no online SSN verification was performed by the State prior to submission

**CODE 27 - EDR VERIFICATION DATE - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of VERIFIED EDR records input where the EDR VERIFICATION DATE failed surface editing routines

**ACTUAL AGE:**

**EDR REPORTS RECEIVED WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH**

The number of processed VERIFIED EDR records that were received within 6 business days of the DOD in the current year and one year prior to current year.

**EDR REPORTS RECEIVED BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH**

The number of processed VERIFIED EDR records that were received between 7 and 30 business days of the DOD in the current year and one year prior to current year.

**EDR REPORTS RECEIVED MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH**

The number of processed VERIFIED EDR records that were received more than 30 business days after the DOD in the current year and the two years prior to the current year.

**ERROR RECORDS**

All VERIFIED EDR records that become exceptions will be listed here. The fields shown below will be displayed for each record:

**Position Field Name Length**

1-2 Spaces 2

3-4 Error Code 2

5-8 Spaces 4

9-17 Social Security Number 9

18-37 Last Name 20

38-52 First Name 15

53-67 Middle Name 15

68-75 Date of Death 8

76-83 Date of Birth 8

84 Sex Code 1

85-86 State Source of Death 2

87 Space 1

88-113 Death Certificate Number 26

114 EDR Verify Code 1

115-122 Date of SSN Verification 8

123-132 Spaces 10

### Appendix B

### SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR

PROCESSING DATE: MM/DD/CCYY

**REPORT COUNTS**

**BY** **TYPE:** **INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR** **RATE**

UNVERIFIED EDR XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

NON-EDR XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

TOTAL XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

## UNVERIFIED EDR REPORT COUNTS

**BY YEAR: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

2005 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2006 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2007XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

## NON-EDR REPORT COUNTS

**BY YEAR: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

2005 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2006 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

2007XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXX

## ERROR SUMMARY

**ERROR SURFACE NO MATCH**

**CODE FIELD EDIT TO SSA TOTAL**

01 NON-EDR SSN N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

02 NON-EDR NAME N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

03 NON-EDR DATE OF DEATH XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

04 NON-EDR DATE OF BIRTH XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX

05 NON-EDR DUPLICATES XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

11 UNV-EDR SSN N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

12 UNV-EDR NAME N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

13 UNV-EDR DATE OF DEATH XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

14 UNV-EDR DATE OF BIRTH XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX

15 UNV-EDR DUPLICATES XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

16 UNV-EDR UNCONFIRMED N/A XXXXXX XXXXXX

17 UNV-EDR VERIFICATION DATE XXXXXX N/A XXXXXX

**AVERAGE AGE**

**PROCESSABLE REPORT TYPE: AVERAGE AGE IN DAYS:**

UNVERIFIED EDR XXXX

NON-EDR XXXX

**ACTUAL AGE**

**DEATHS IN 2007-UNVERIFIED EDR REPORTS RECEIVED**: **PROCESSED**:

WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

**DEATHS IN 2006-UNVERIFIED EDR REPORTS RECEIVED**: **PROCESSED**:

WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH XXXX

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

**DEATHS PRIOR TO 2006-UNVERIFIED EDR REPORTS RECEIVED**: **PROCESSED**:

MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH XXXX

**MONTH AND YEAR OF DEATH**

## UNVERIFIED EDR AND NON-EDR

2005 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

0 0 0 0 0 0

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

0 0 0 0 0 0

2006 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

0 0 0 0 0 0

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

0 0 0 0 0 0

2007 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

0 0 0 0 0 0

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

0 0 0 0 0 0

PRIOR TO 2005: 0

**ERROR RECORDS**

A listing of erroneous records (up to 20 records per exception code) will appear here. The fields shown below will be displayed for each record:

Position Field Name Length

1-2 Spaces 2

3-4 Error Code 2

5-7 Spaces 3

8-16 Social Security Number 9

17-36 Last Name 20

37-51 First Name 15

52-66 Middle Name 15

67-74 Date of Death 8

75-82 Date of Birth 8

83 Sex Code 1

84-85 State Source of Death 2

86 Space 1

87-112 Death Certificate Number 26

113-116 Mother’s Maiden Surname 4

117-120 Mother’s First Name 4

121-124 Father’s Surname 4

125-128 Father’s First Name 4

129-130 Place of Birth 2

131 Foreign Country Indicator 1

132 EDR Verify Code 1

**Explanation of Entries on the SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE - UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR**

**SSA DEATH PROCESSING NOTICE FOR ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This entry shows the name of the State that submitted the records

**PROCESSING DATE: MM/DD/CCYY**

This is the date that the UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR records were input to DACUS

**REPORTS COUNTS BY TYPE:**

**UNVERIFIED EDR:**

**INPUT**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input to DACUS

**PROCESSED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records that will be processed

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records that will not be processed

**ERROR** **RATE**

The percentage of UNVERIFIED EDR records that contain exception conditions

**NON-EDR:**

**INPUT**

The total number of NON-EDR records input to DACUS

**PROCESSED**

The total number of NON-EDR records that will be processed

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of NON-EDR records that will not be processed

**ERROR** **RATE**

The percentage of NON-EDR records that contain exception conditions

**TOTAL:**

**INPUT**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR records input to DACUS

**PROCESSED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR records that will be processed

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR records that will not be processed

**ERROR** **RATE**

The percentage of UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR records that contains exception conditions

**UNVERIFIED EDR REPORT COUNTS BY YEAR:**

REPORT COUNTS BY YEAR are shown for UNVERIFIED EDR records where the DOD occurred in the current year or in one of the two years prior to the current year. For records where the DOD falls in this range, DACUS counts the number of UNVERIFIED EDR records INPUT, PROCESSED and EXCEPTED. Counts for records where the DOD occurred more than two years prior to the current year and records that error out because they do not pass DOD edits (i.e., error code 13 – UNV-EDR DATE OF DEATH) are not included in this section. In addition, the percentage of records that could not be processed is shown in the ERROR RATE.

**For each year:**

**INPUT**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the DOD occurred during that year

**PROCESSED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records processed where the DOD occurred during that year

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of UNVERIFIED EDR records that were not processed due to exception conditions where the DOD occurred during that year

**ERROR RATE**

The percentage of UNVERIFIED EDR records input that contained exception conditions where the DOD occurred during that year

**NON-EDR REPORT COUNTS BY YEAR:**

REPORT COUNTS BY YEAR are shown for NON-EDR records where the DOD occurred in the current year or in one of the two years prior to the current year. For records where the DOD falls in this range, SSA counts the number of NON-EDR records INPUT, PROCESSED and EXCEPTED. Counts for records where the DOD occurred more than two years prior to the current year and records that error out because they do not pass DOD edits (i.e., error code 03 – NON-EDR DATE OF DEATH are not included in this section. In addition, the percentage of records that could not be processed is shown in the ERROR RATE.

**For each year:**

**INPUT**

The total number of NON-EDR records input where the DOD occurred during that year

**PROCESSED**

The total number of NON-EDR records processed where the DOD occurred during that year

**EXCEPTED**

The total number of NON-EDR records that were not processed due to exception conditions where the DOD occurred during that year

**ERROR RATE**

The percentage of NON-EDR records that contained exception conditions where the DOD occurred during that year

**An example of the UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR REPORT COUNTS BY YEAR is shown below.**

**EXAMPLE** – a state submits a total of 10 UNVERIFIED EDR and NON-EDR records with the dates of death shown below:

Unv-EDR record with DOD 01012004

Unv-EDR record with DOD 01012005

Unv-EDR record with DOD 01012006

Unv-EDR record with DOD 01012007

Unv-EDR record with DOD AAAAAA (ERROR CODE 13 – SURFACE EDIT – UNV-EDR DATE OF DEATH)

Non-EDR record with DOD 01012004

Non-EDR record with DOD 01012005

Non-EDR record with DOD 01012006

Non-EDR record with DOD 01012007

Non-EDR record with DOD AAAAAA (ERROR CODE 03 – SURFACE EDIT - NON-EDR DATE OF DEATH)

### The SSA DEATH PROCESS NOTICE FOR XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNVERIFIED EDR & NON-EDR

PROCESSING DATE: MM/DD/CCYY

**REPORT COUNTS**

**BY** **TYPE:** **INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR** **RATE**

UNVERIFIED EDR 5 4 1 .2000

NON-EDR 5 4 1 .2000

TOTAL 10 8 2 .2000

## UNVERIFIED EDR REPORT COUNTS

**BY YEAR: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

2005 1 1 0 .0000

2006 1 1 0 .0000

20071 1 0 .0000

## NON-EDR REPORT COUNTS

**BY YEAR: INPUT PROCESSED EXCEPTED ERROR RATE**

2005 1 1 0 .0000

2006 1 1 0 .0000

20071 1 0 .0000

## ERROR SUMMARY

**ERROR SURFACE NO MATCH**

**CODE FIELD EDIT TO SSA TOTAL**

01 NON-EDR SSN N/A 0 0

02 NON-EDR NAME N/A 0 0

03 NON-EDR DATE OF DEATH 1 N/A 1

04 NON-EDR DATE OF BIRTH 0 0 0

05 NON-EDR DUPLICATES 0 N/A 0

11 UNV-EDR SSN N/A 0 0

12 UNV-EDR NAME N/A 0 0

13 UNV-EDR DATE OF DEATH 1 N/A 1

14 UNV-EDR DATE OF BIRTH 0 0 0

15 UNV-EDR DUPLICATES 0 N/A 0

16 UNV-EDR UNCONFIRMED N/A 0 0

17 UNV-EDR VERIFICATION DATE 0 N/A 0

**ERROR SUMMARY:**

**CODE 01 - NON-EDR SSN - NO MATCH TO SSA and TOTAL counts**

The number of NON-EDR records input where the SSN did not match a valid SSN on SSA’s records

**CODE 02 - NON-EDR NAME - NO MATCH TO SSA and TOTAL counts**

The number of NON-EDR records input where the Name did not match the name for the SSN on SSA’s records

**CODE 03 - NON-EDR DATE OF DEATH - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of NON-EDR records input where the DATE OF DEATH failed surface editing routines

**CODE 04 - NON-EDR DATE OF BIRTH:**

**SURFACE EDIT**

The number of NON-EDR records input where the DATE OF BIRTH failed surface editing routines

**NO MATCH TO SSA**

The number of NON-EDR records input where the DATE OF BIRTH did not match the date of birth for the SSN on SSA’s records

**TOTAL**

The total of the SURFACE EDIT and NO MATCH TO SSA counts shown above

**CODE 05 - NON-EDR DUPLICATES - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of duplicate NON-EDR records input

**CODE 11 - UNV-EDR SSN - NO MATCH TO SSA and TOTAL counts**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the SSN did not match a valid SSN on SSA’s records

**CODE 12 - UNV-EDR NAME - NO MATCH TO SSA and TOTAL counts**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the Name did not match the name for the SSN on SSA’s records

**CODE 13 - UNV-EDR DATE OF DEATH - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the DATE OF DEATH failed surface editing routines

**CODE 14 - UNV-EDR DATE OF BIRTH:**

**SURFACE EDIT**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the DATE OF BIRTH failed surface editing routines

**NO MATCH TO SSA**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the DATE OF BIRTH did not match the date of birth for the SSN on SSA’s records

**TOTAL**

The total of the SURFACE EDIT and NO MATCH TO SSA counts shown above

**CODE 15 - UNV-EDR DUPLICATES - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of duplicate UNVERIFIED EDR records input

**CODE 16 - UNV-EDR UNCONFIRMED - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where a match to SSA records shows that no online SSN verification was performed

**CODE 17 - UNV-EDR VERIFICATION DATE - SURFACE EDIT and TOTAL counts**

The number of UNVERIFIED EDR records input where the UNVERIFIED EDR VERIFICATION DATE failed surface editing routines

**AVERAGE AGE**

**PROCESSABLE REPORT TYPE - AVERAGE AGE IN DAYS:**

**UNVERIFIED EDR**

This is the average age (in business days) of the UNVERIFIED EDR records that were processed

**NON-EDR**

This is the average age (in business days) of the NON-EDR records that were processed

**ACTUAL AGE**

**WITHIN 6 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH**

The number of processed UNVERIFIED EDR records that were received within 6 business days of the date of death in the current year and one year prior to current year.

**BETWEEN 7 AND 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF DEATH**

The number of processed UNVERIFIED EDR records that were received between 7 and 30 business days of the date of death in the current year and one year prior to current year.

**MORE THAN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER DEATH**

The number of processed UNVERIFIED EDR records that were received more than 30 business days after the date of death in the current year and the two years prior to the current year.

**MONTH AND YEAR OF DEATH - UNVERIFIED EDR AND NON-EDR**

This section shows a count of UNVERIFIED EDR and NON-EDR reports broken down by the DATE OF DEATH. A monthly breakdown is shown for the current year and for each of the two preceding years. A yearly total is shown for all reports submitted where death occurred more than two years prior to the current year.

**ERROR RECORDS**

UNVERIFIED EDR and NON-EDR records that become exceptions will be listed here. Up to 20 records per exception code will be returned. The fields shown below will be displayed for each record:

**Position Field Name Length**

1-2 Spaces 2

3-4 Error Code 2

5-7 Spaces 3

8-16 Social Security Number 9

17-36 Last Name 20

37-51 First Name 15

52-66 Middle Name 15

67-74 Date of Death 8

75-82 Date of Birth 8

83 Sex Code 1

84-85 State Source of Death 2

86 Space 1

87-112 Death Certificate Number 26

113-116 Mother’s Maiden Surname 4

117-120 Mother’s First Name 4

121-124 Father’s Surname 4

125-128 Father’s First Name 4

129-130 Place of Birth 2

131 Foreign Country Indicator 1

132 EDR Verify Code 1