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## It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit or Direct Express

The United States Department of the Treasury will pay all federal benefits electronically by Direct Deposit or by Direct Express.

You can be paid by Direct Deposit into your account in a bank, credit union, savings bank, or thrift institution. Many financial institutions offer basic, low-cost accounts, as well as full-service accounts. Direct Deposit is safe, reliable, and convenient for you. You do not have to take care of a paper check (which could be delayed in the mail, lost, or stolen).

For more information about Direct Deposit, call us on 1-888-767-6738 (TTY: 1-855-887-4957) Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 7:45 PM Eastern time. It is easy to sign up. You can call us toll-free using the numbers shown above. If you do not want to call us to enroll, you can fill this form out and FAX it to 724-794-6633. Or, you can mail this form to our Boyers, Pennsylvania, address shown at the top of this page.

If you are not enrolled in the Direct Deposit program, you will need to arrange for a Direct Express debit card provided by the Department of the Treasury. To obtain a debit card, go to [www.godirect.org](http://www.godirect.org). You will also find complete information about Direct Express on this website. Your payments will be electronically placed on the Direct Express debit card. You can use this card like cash to make purchases; you can obtain cash from bank or credit union tellers or from ATM machines.

If you are not enrolled in the Direct Deposit program or in Direct Express, you must contact the Department of the Treasury at 1-800-333-1795 to discuss your options for receiving payment. If you do not take action, the Department of the Treasury will contact you.

Retirement Operations

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### Privacy Act Statement

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), this Privacy Act Statement serves to inform you of why OPM is requesting the information on this form. **Authority:** OPM is authorized to collect the information requested on this form by Public Law 104-134. **Purpose:** Public Law 104-134 requires that regular annuity payments must be paid by Direct Deposit through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), unless receiving this payment electronically would cause the annuitant hardship. **Routine Uses:** The information requested on this form may be shared externally as a "routine use" to other Federal, state, or local agencies and organizations in order to determine benefits under their programs, to obtain information necessary for a benefit determination, or to report income for tax purposes. OPM may also share your information with law enforcement agencies if it becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law. A complete list of routine uses can be found in the *OPM/Central 1 Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records system of records notice*, available at [www.opm.gov/privacy](http://www.opm.gov/privacy). **Consequences of Failure to Provide Information:** Providing this information to OPM is voluntary. However, failure to provide this information may delay the adjudication of the annuitant's benefit.

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