Addendum to the Supporting Statement for Changes to the Rule for Use of Electronic Payroll Data to Improve Program Administration 20 CFR 404.703(a)&(b); 404.1588(b)(3)(iii); 404.1588(b)(4); 416.708(c); 416.709 OMB No. 0960-0837

Background

On December 31, 2024, we published the final rule for Use of Electronic Payroll Data to Improve Program Administration, at 89 FR 107236, which supports proper use of information exchanges with payroll data providers that will help us administer our programs more efficiently, improve our customers' experience, and prevent improper payments under titles II and XVI of the Act, which can otherwise occur when we do not receive timely and accurate wage and employment information.

Due to the final rule, we are revising our burden estimates for the associated information collection under OMB Number 0960-0715, and we are updating the CFR citations for the associated information collections under OMB Numbers 0960-0032, 0960-0138, and 0960-0807. In addition, within 30 days after the publication of the final rule, we will also update the directions for the associated information collections under 0960-0807 to include the additional requirements for authorization as stated in the final rule.

Revisions to the Collection Instruments

The final rule does not require any revisions to our existing information collections; however, we expect the application of the revisions to this rule will cause burden changes to our currently approved information collections under 0960-0715. We anticipate the implementation of this final rule will result in a reduction in the overall burden for the information collections under 0960-0715, as respondents will no longer need to submit their monthly wage reports to SSA if they authorize SSA to obtain the information directly from the payroll providers.

The following chart shows the anticipated burden reduction for 0960-0715 due to the final rule:

OMB #; Form #; CFR Citations	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Current Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Current Estimated Total Burden (hours)	Anticipated New Number of Respondents Under Regulation	Anticipated New Burden Per Response Under Regulation (minutes)	Anticipated Estimated Total Burden Under Regulation (hours)	Estimated Burden Savings (hours)
0960-0715 – Mobile Wage reporting 404.703(a) 416.708(c) 416.709 (new)	88,382	12	6	106,058	36,237	6	43,484	62,574**

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OMB #; Form #; CFR Citations	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Current Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Current Estimated Total Burden (hours)	Anticipated New Number of Respondents Under Regulation	Anticipated New Burden Per Response Under Regulation (minutes)	Anticipated Estimated Total Burden Under Regulation (hours)	Estimated Burden Savings (hours)
0960-0715 – Telephone Wage reporting 404.703(a) 416.708(c) 416.709 (new)	16,341	12	5	16,341	6,700	5	6,700	9,641**
0960-0715 – myWage Report 404.703(a) 416.708(c) 416.709 (new)	3,557	12	7	4,980	1,458	7	2,041	2,939**
Totals	108,280			127,379	44,395		52,225	75,154**

The following chart shows the reduced theoretical cost burdens for 0960-0715 associated with the final rule:

OMB #; Form #; CFR Citations	Anticipated New Number of Respondents	Estimated Burden Per Response from Chart Above (minutes)	Anticipated Estimated Total Burden Under Regulation (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Anticipated Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)**
0960-0715 – Mobile Wage reporting 404.703(a) 416.708(c) 416.709 (new)	36,237	6	43,484	\$22.39*	\$973,607**
0960-0715 – Telephone Wage reporting 404.703(a) 416.708(c) 416.709 (new)	6,700	5	6,700	\$22.39*	\$150,013**

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0960-0715 -	1,458	7	2,041	\$22.39*	\$45,698**
myWage					
Report					
404.703(a)					
416.708(c)					
416.709 (new)					
Totals	44,395		52,225		\$1,169,318**

* We based this figure on the average Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks hourly salary, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<u>https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes433051.htm</u>); as well as the averaging of DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2023 data (<u>https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2023factsheet.pdf</u>) and the average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<u>https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm</u>).

****** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. **There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.**

Upon OMB's approval of the final rule, we will adjust the figures associated with the current information collections under 0960-0715 to reflect the new burden and will also update the documentation for all of the ICRs mentioned above to include the new or revised CFR citations. In addition, we will also update the directions for the information collections under 0960-0807 to reflect the updated information shown in the final rule.

We anticipate submitting the Change Requests to show these revisions after the affective date for this final rule.