

**Supporting Statement for Technical Updates to Applicability of the  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Reduced Benefit Rate for  
Individuals Residing in Medical Treatment Facilities  
20 CFR 416.708(k)  
OMB 0960-0758**

**A. Justification**

**1. Introduction/Authoring Laws and Regulations**

Section 1611(e)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act (Act)* specifies residents of a public institution are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). However, Sections 1611(e)(1)(B) and (G) of the *Act* list certain exceptions to this provision, making it necessary for the Social Security Administration (SSA) to collect information about SSI recipients who enter or leave a medical treatment facility, or other public or private institution, to determine their continuing eligibility for SSI. Section 20 CFR 416.708(k) of the *Code of Federal Regulations* describes the reporting requirements for SSI recipients. If a medical treatment facility or public or private institution admits or discharges an SSI recipient, the recipient or another person must notify us. Failure to complete this information collection would result in improper payments and would disadvantage the recipients.

**2. Description of Collection**

SSA uses this information collection to determine SSI eligibility or the benefit amount for SSI recipients who enter or leave institutions. SSA personnel collect this information directly from SSI recipients, or from someone reporting on their behalf. An SSI recipient who enters an institution may be unable to report; therefore, a family member sometimes makes this report on behalf of the recipient. When contacting SSA, the recipient or family member of the recipient provides the name of the institution; the date of admission; and the expected date of discharge.

We identified the following psychological cost based on the requirement for this information collection:

- **Psychological Cost:**
  - **Requirement for the Program:**

The SSA Claims Specialist must receive certain reporting requirements, such as a physician's certification and home expenses statement by the recipient, to determine the SSI recipient is eligible for temporary institutionalization benefits.
  - **Psychological Cost:**

While we have not collected any data on the psychological costs associated with this information collection, our field office technicians have observed that some recipients may experience anxiety related to SSI reporting requirements, including those affecting eligibility for temporary institutionalization benefits.

We understand these psychological costs may cause respondents to delay their completion of the information collection or cause them to abandon the information collection entirely. However, we require full completion of this collection to ensure we are complying with the statute when issuing benefits to the recipient.

The respondents are SSI recipients who enter or leave an institution.

**3. Use of Information Technology to Collect the Information**

SSA does not collect this information through forms or any other standardized information collection; therefore, we cannot create an electronic version for these requirements under the Government Paperwork Elimination Act. The respondent may submit this information by telephone, by fax, or by mail; we do not allow email submissions, as it is not a secure means to transfer personally identifiable information.

**4. Why We Cannot Use Duplicate Information**

The nature of the information we collect and the manner in which we collect it preclude duplication. SSA does not use another collection instrument to obtain similar data.

**5. Minimizing Burden on Small Respondents**

This collection does not significantly affect small businesses or other small entities.

**6. Consequence of Not Collecting Information or Collecting it Less Frequently**

If we did not collect this information, we would not be able to make correct determinations of SSI eligibility or SSI payment amounts for SSI recipients who enter or leave a medical treatment facility, or other public or private institution. Because we only collect the information on an as needed basis, we cannot collect it less frequently. There are no technical or legal obstacles to burden reduction.

**7. Special Circumstances**

There are no special circumstances that would cause SSA to conduct this information collection in a manner inconsistent with *5 CFR 1320.5*.

**8. Solicitation of Public Comment and Other Consultations with the Public**

The 60-day advance Federal Register Notice published on February 26, 2026, at 91 FR 9671, and we received no public comments. The 30-day FRN published on April 24, 2026 at 91 FR 22195. If we receive any comments in response to this Notice, we will forward them to OMB. We did not consult with the public on the maintenance of this information collection.

This is a correction notice: SSA inadvertently published the incorrect burden information for this collection at 91 FR 22195, on April 24, 2026. We are correcting this error here.

**9. Payment or Gifts to Respondents**

SSA does not provide payments or gifts to the respondents.

**10. Assurances of Confidentiality**

SSA protects and holds confidential the information we collect in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1306, 20 CFR 401 and 402, 5 U.S.C. 552 (Freedom of Information Act), 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act of 1974), and OMB Circular No. A-130.

**11. Justification for Sensitive Questions**

The information collection does not contain any questions of a sensitive nature.

As stated in #2, an SSI recipient who enters or leaves a medical treatment facility, or other public or private institution, must meet certain reporting requirement criteria to determine their continuing eligibility for SSI benefits. Some of our field office technicians have observed that recipients experience a level of anxiety with regard to this. As such, this information collection may have psychological costs pertaining to the SSI recipient, however, we require full completion of this collection to ensure we are complying with the statute when issuing benefits to the recipient.

**12. Estimates of Public Reporting Burden**

Approximately 184,956 respondents take 7 minutes each to report this information collection each year.

Method of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)**
Technical Updates Statement/ Institutional Residents Screens	184,956	1	7	21,578	\$23.47*	\$2,098,101**

\* We based this figure by averaging both the average disability payments based on SSA's current FY 2026 data ([Effect of COLA on Average Social Security Benefits](#)) and the average U.S. worker's hourly wages ([Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics](#)) as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

\*\* 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.**

As SSA technicians initiate this information collection via telephone, and then conduct a telephone interview, we do not have any travel burden associated with this form. In

addition, we do not perceive this collection to impose any learning costs to the SSI recipient, as we reach out to the person reporting the change and our technicians enter the information into the collection tool at that time.

NOTE: We included the total opportunity cost estimate from this chart in our calculations when showing the total time and opportunity cost estimates in the paragraph below.

We base our burden estimates on current management information data, which includes data from actual interviews, as well as from years of conducting this information collection. Per our management information data, we believe that 7 minutes accurately shows the average burden per response for learning about the program; receiving notices as needed; reading and understanding instructions; gathering the data and documents needed; answering the questions and completing the information collection instrument; scheduling any necessary appointment or required phone call; consulting with any third parties (as needed); and waiting to speak with SSA employees (as needed). Based on our current management information data, the current burden information we provided is accurate. The total burden for this ICR is **21,578** burden hours (reflecting SSA management information data), which results in an associated theoretical (not actual) opportunity cost financial burden of **\$2,098,101**. SSA does not charge respondents to complete our applications.

**13. Annual Cost to the Respondents (Other)**

This collection does not impose a known cost burden to the respondents.

**14. Annual Cost to Federal Government**

The annual cost to the Federal Government is approximately \$743,044. This estimate accounts for costs from the following areas:

<b>Description of Cost Factor</b>	<b>Methodology for Estimating Cost</b>	<b>Cost in Dollars*</b>
Designing and Printing the Form	Design Cost + Printing Cost	\$0*
Distributing, Shipping, and Material Costs for the Form	Distribution + Shipping + Material Cost	\$0*
SSA Employee (e.g., field office, 800 number, DDS staff) Information Collection and Processing Time	GS 7-11 employee average pay x # of responses x processing time	\$739,624
Full-Time Equivalent Costs	Out of pocket costs + Other expenses for providing this service	\$0*
Systems Development,	GS-9 employee x man	\$3,420

Updating, and Maintenance	hours for development, updating, maintenance	
Quantifiable IT Costs	Any additional IT costs	\$0*
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$743,044</b>

\* We have inserted a \$0 amount for cost factors that do not apply to this collection.

SSA is unable to break down the costs to the Federal government further than we already have. Because so many employees have a hand in each aspect of our information collections, we use an estimated average hourly wage, based on the wage of our average field office employee (GS-9) for these calculations. In addition, we have no Internet version of the form and no fillable PDF stored online, therefore there is no IT cost at all. We have calculated these costs as accurately as possible based on the information we collect for creating, updating, and maintaining this information collections.

**15. Program Changes or Adjustments to the Information Collection Request**

When we last cleared this IC in 2023, the burden was 26,316 hours. However, we are currently reporting a burden of 21,578 hours. This change stems from a decrease in the number of responses from 225,566 to 184,956 due to an overall decrease in the number of respondents going into an institution or any other change in living arrangement. In addition, we removed the teleservice wait time burden, as SSA technicians initiate these calls, so there is no wait time. There is no change to the burden time per response. Although the number of responses changed, SSA did not take any actions to cause this change. These figures represent current Management Information data.

**16. Plans for Publication Information Collection Results**

There are no changes in the public reporting burden.

**17. Displaying the OMB Approval Expiration Date**

SSA is not requesting an exception to the requirement to display the OMB approval expiration date.

**18. Exceptions to Certification Statement**

SSA is not requesting an exception to the certification requirements at 5 *CFR* 1320.9 and related provisions at 5 *CFR* 1320.8(b)(3).

**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

SSA does not use statistical methods for this information collection.