

**Justification for the Non-Substantive Changes for Form HA-539
Notice Regarding Substitution of Party Upon Death of Claimant
20 CFR 404.957(c)(4) and 416.1457(c)(4)
OMB No. 0960-0288**

Minor Revisions to the Collection Instrument

SSA is making the following minor revisions:

- **Change #1:** We are removing “Office of Hearings Operations” from the title bar.

Justification #1: We are removing this reference because it is no longer accurate due to organizational changes and there is no need to identify the internal organizational name. The form will continue to indicate the collecting agency as the Social Security Administration.

This revision is administrative in nature and does not affect the purpose of the information collection, the information collected, respondent burden, respondent requirements, or SSA’s use of the information.

- **Change #2:** We are removing references to hearings “in person.”

Justification #2: The current version of this form refers to hearings as being “in person” only. However, an individual may appear at a hearing by online video, audio, agency video, or in person. Therefore, we are removing references to “in person” to align the form with current agency policies and procedures.

This revision only clarifies existing agency policies and procedures and does not change the information collected, respondent requirements, respondent burden, or the purpose of the collection.

SSA will implement these changes for Form HA-539 upon OMB’s approval.

Note: We are submitting a marked-up copy of the form showing the changes. Upon OMB’s approval, we will revise the current static fillable version of the form with these revisions (so that it will still be electronically submittable through the Upload Documents portal, OMB No. 0960-0830).