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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2018-0066]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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Or you may submit your comments online through *www.regulations.gov*, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2018-0066].

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. **Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.335-404.338, & 404.603 -- 0960-0004.** Section 2029(e) and 202(f) of the Social Security Act (Act) set forth the requirements for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits, including the requirements to file an application. For SSA to make a formal determination for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits, we use Form SSA-10-BK to determine whether an

applicant meets the statutory and regulatory conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s Title II benefits. SSA employees interview individuals applying for benefits either face-to-face or via telephone, and enter the information on the paper form or into the Modernized Claims System (MCS). The respondents are applicants for widow(er)'s benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	**Number of Respondents**	**Frequency of Response**	**Average Burden Per Response (minutes)**	**Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)**
SSA-10-BK MCS version	518,784	1	14	121,050
SSA-10-BK Paper version	2,255	1	15	564
Totals	**521,039**			**121,614**

2. **Notice Regarding Substitution of Party Upon Death of Claimant -- Reconsideration of Disability Cessation -- 20 CFR Sections 404.907-404.921 and 416.1407-416.1421 -- 0960-0351.** When a claimant dies before we make a determination on that person's request for reconsideration of a disability cessation, SSA seeks a qualified substitute party to pursue the appeal. If SSA locates a qualified substitute party, the agency uses Form SSA-770 to collect information about whether to pursue or withdraw the reconsideration request. We use this information as the basis for the decision to continue or discontinue with the appeals process. Respondents are substitute applicants who are pursuing a reconsideration request for a deceased claimant.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-770	1,200	1	5	100

3. **Centenarian and Medicare Non-Utilization Project Development Worksheets: Face-to-Face Interview and Telephone Interview -- 20 CFR 416.204(b) and 422.135 -- 0960-0780.** SSA conducts interviews with centenary Title II beneficiaries and Title XVI recipients, and Medicare Non-Utilization Project (MNUP) beneficiaries age 90 and older to: (1) assess if the beneficiaries are still living; (2) prevent fraud through identity misrepresentation; and (3) evaluate the well-being of the recipients to determine if they need a representative payee, or a change in representative payee. SSA field office personnel obtain the information through one-time, in-person interviews with the centenarians and MNUP beneficiaries. If the centenarians and MNUP beneficiaries have representatives or caregivers, SSA personnel invite them to the interviews. During these interviews, SSA employees make overall observations of the centenarians, MNUP beneficiaries, and their representative payees (if applicable). The interviewer uses the appropriate Development Worksheet as a guide for the interview, in addition to documenting findings during the interview.

Non-completion of the Worksheets, or refusal of the interviews, may result in the suspension of the centenarians' or MNUP beneficiaries' payments. SSA conducts the interviews either over the telephone or through a face-to-face discussion with the respondents. Respondents are Centenarian and MNUP beneficiaries; their representative payees; or their caregivers. Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
Centenarian Project – Title XVI Only*	194	1	15	49
MNUP – All Title II Responses	4,413	1	15	1,103
Totals	**4,607**			**1,152**

*Some cases are Title II and Title XVI rollovers from prior Centenarian workloads

II. SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding this information collection would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance package by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

Site Review Questionnaire for Volume and Fee-for-Service Payees and Beneficiary Interview Form -- 20 CFR 404.2035, 404.2065, 416.665,

416.701, and 416.708 -- 0960-0633. SSA asks organizational representative payees to complete Form SSA-637, the Site Review Questionnaire for Volume and Fee-for-Service Payees, to provide information on how they carry out their responsibilities, including how they manage beneficiary funds. SSA then obtains information from the beneficiaries these organizations represent via Form SSA-639, Beneficiary Interview Form, to corroborate the payees' statements. Due to the sensitivity of the information, SSA employees always complete the forms based on the answers respondents give during the interview. The respondents are individuals; State and local governments; non-profit and for-profit organizations serving as representative payees; and the beneficiaries they serve.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden of Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-637	4,924	1	120	9,848
SSA-639	21,772	1	10	3,629
Totals	**26,696**			**13,477**

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