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### 1. Internet Social Security Disability Report—0960-NEW

The Social Security Act requires applicants to furnish medical and other evidence and information to prove they are disabled. Applicants for disability benefits will be given the option to provide information needed to help determine they are disabled through the Internet. The Internet Social Security Disability Report, which is similar to the Form SSA-3368-BK, Disability Report-Adult, will collect allegations of disability and gather information about the disabling condition and sources of medical evidence. Collecting this information is critical to case development and adjudication. The information on the Disability Report, together with other evidence and information, will be used by State Disability Determination Services (who make disability decisions on behalf of SSA) to develop medical evidence, assess the alleged disability, and make a determination on whether or not the applicant is disabled under the Act. SSA plans to conduct a limited pilot of the Internet Social Security Disability Report followed by national implementation. The respondents are applicants for title II and title XVI disability benefits.

#### Pilot Burden Hours Estimate

*Number of Respondents:* 8,400.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 hours.  
*Estimated annual Burden:* 16,800 hours.

#### National Implementation Burden Hours Estimate

*Number of Respondents:* 66,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 hours.  
*Estimated annual Burden:* 132,000 hours.

### 2. Employee Work Activity Report—0960-0483

The data collected by SSA on Form SSA-3033 is used to determine if the claimant meets the disability requirements of the law, when the claimant returns to work after the alleged or established onset date of disability. When a possible unsuccessful work attempt or nonspecific subsidy is

involved, Form SSA-3033 will be used to request a description of the employee's work effort. The respondents are employers of OASDI and SSI disability applicants and beneficiaries.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,500.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,125 hours.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/States, SDX-BENDEX-SVES Files—Matches 6001, 6002, and 6004)

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of the renewal of an existing computer matching program which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces the renewal of an existing computer matching program that SSA is currently conducting with the States.

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The renewal of the matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 966-2935 or writing to the Acting Associate Commissioner for Program Support, 2-Q-16 Operations Buildings, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Acting Associate Commissioner for Program Support as shown above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-

503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

### B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: May 9, 2002.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

### Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) with the States

#### A. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

SSA and the States.

#### B. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Section 1137 of the Social Security Act requires individual States to have in effect an income and eligibility verification system meeting certain requirements in order to administer certain State-administered income, food assistance, and medical assistance programs.

A chief purpose of this matching program is to facilitate administration of this provision. Individual agreements

with the States will describe the conditions under which SSA agrees to disclose information to the States relating to the eligibility for, and payment of, Social Security, supplemental security income, special veterans benefits, including certain tax return information disclosed by SSA in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as quarters of coverage, prisoner, and death information.

The matching program will also be used to implement provisions of Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996, involving the significance of Social Security coverage information to the eligibility of certain aliens for some Federal and State public benefits. Under this matching program, SSA will disclose certain Social Security coverage information on specific persons to States administering appropriate benefit programs.

#### C. AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Sections 1106 and 1137 of the Social Security Act; sections 402, 412, 421 and 435 of Pub. L. 104-193; section 202(x)(3)(B)(iv) of the Social Security Act; section 205(r)(3) of the Social Security Act; and relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code under 26 U.S.C. 6103.

#### D. CATEGORIES OF RECORDS AND INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

States will provide SSA with names and other identifying information of appropriate benefit applicants or recipients. Specific information from participating States will be matched as provided in the agreement for the specific program with the following systems of records maintained by SSA:

1. SDX—Supplemental Security Income and Special Veterans Benefit Record (SSR), SSA/OSR (60-0103);
2. BENDEX—Master Beneficiary Record (MBR), SSA/OSR (60-0090) and the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OSR (60-0059);
3. EVS—Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR (60-0058);
4. SVES—SSR, SSA/OSR (60-0103); MBR, SSA/OSR (60-0090); the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OSR (60-0059); the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR (60-0058); and the Prisoner Update Processing System (PUPS), SSA/OSR (60-0269);
5. Quarters of Coverage Query—the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OSR

(60-0059) and the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR (60-0058);

6. Prisoner Query—PUPS, SSA/OSR (60-0269); and

7. Death Query—Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR (60-0058)—subsection referred to as the NUMIDENT.

SSA and the States will exchange information through the File Transfer Management System (FTMS). Cartridge or magnetic tape will be used in the event FTMS is inoperable.

#### E. INCLUSIVE DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. Individual State matching agreements under the program may also become effective upon the signing of the agreements by the parties to the agreements. The agreements with individual States will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for a period of time, up to 12 months, but not to exceed December 31, 2004, if certain conditions are met.

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### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

#### Privacy Act of 1974; as Amended; New System of Records and New Routine Use Disclosures

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** New system of records and proposed routine uses.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to establish a new system of records, the *Medicare Savings Programs Information System*, 60-0310 and routine uses applicable to this system.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, Appendix F, section 911 amended the Social Security Act by adding section 1144. Section 1144 of the Social Security Act requires the Commissioner of Social Security to conduct outreach efforts to identify individuals entitled to benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII who may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of Medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program.

**DATES:** We filed a report of the proposed new system of records and routine uses with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, the

Chairman of the House Reform Committee, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on May 10, 2002. The proposed system will become effective on June 19, 2002, unless we receive comments that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pamela McLaughlin, Social Insurance Specialist, Social Security Administration, Room 3-C-2 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, telephone (410) 965-3677, e-mail: [pam.mclaughlin@ssa.gov](mailto:pam.mclaughlin@ssa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New System of Records, the *Medicare Savings Programs Information System*

##### A. General Background

On December 21, 2000, the President signed into law the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, as Appendix F of Public Law 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001. Section 911 of Appendix F amended title XI of the Social Security Act by adding section 1144, which requires the Commissioner of Social Security to conduct outreach efforts to identify individuals entitled to benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII who may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of Medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program.

In conducting the outreach efforts, the Agency shall furnish the agency of each State responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program and any other appropriate State agency with information consisting of the name and address of individuals residing in the State that the Agency determines may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of Medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program. Additionally, information may be disclosed to the General Accounting Office for its evaluation of the effort as required by the statute.