

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 359 hours.

Section No.	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual hour burden
§ 408.202(d); § 408.210; § 408.230(a); § 408.305; §§ 408.310–.315	325	1	20	108
§ 408.232(a)	5	1	15	1.25
§ 408.320	5	1	15	1.25
§ 408.340	5	1	15	1.25
§ 408.345	2	1	15	.50
§ 408.351(d) & (f)	2	1	30	1.00
§ 408.355(a)	5	1	15	1.25
§ 408.360(a)	2	1	15	.50
§ 408.404(c)	20	1	15	5.00
§ 408.410–412	20	1	15	5.00
§ 408.420(a), (b)	230	1	15	58.00
§ 408.430 & .432	215	1	30	108.00
§ 408.435(a), (b),(c)	230	1	15	58.00
§ 408.437(b), (c),(d)	20	1	30	10.00
Totals	1,086			359

8. *Prohibition of Payment of SSI Benefits to Fugitive Felons and Parole/ Probation Violators—20 CFR 416.708(o)–0960–0617.* Section 1611(e)(4) of the Social Security Act precludes eligibility for SSI benefits for certain fugitives and probation/parole violators. Regulations at 20 CFR 416.708(o) require that a report is given to SSA when an individual is fleeing to avoid prosecution for a crime, fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after conviction of a crime, or violating a condition of probation or parole. The respondents are SSI applicants/ recipients or representative payees of SSI recipients who are reporting that a recipient is a fugitive felon or probation/parole violator.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
 Number of Respondents: 1,000.  
 Frequency of Response: 1.  
 Average Burden per Response: 1 minute.

9. *Application for SSA Employee Testimony—20 CFR 403.100–155—0960–0619.* SSA’s regulations at 20 CFR 403.100–155 establish policies and procedures whereby an individual, organization, or governmental entity may request official Agency information, records, or testimony of an agency employee in a legal proceeding to which the agency is not a party. The request, which must be in writing to the Commissioner, must fully set out the nature and relevance of the sought testimony. Respondents are individuals or entities who request testimony from SSA employees in a legal proceeding.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
 Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Response: 1.  
 Average Burden per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100 hours.

10. *Representative Payee Report—Special Veterans Benefits—20 CFR 408.665—0960–0621.* Title VIII allows the payment of monthly benefits by the Commissioner of Social Security to qualified World War II veterans who reside outside the U.S. A representative payee may be appointed to receive and manage the monthly payment for the beneficiary’s use and benefit. The SSA–2001–F6 is completed by the payee to determine if he has used the benefits properly and continues to demonstrate strong concern for the beneficiary. Respondents are persons or organizations who act on behalf of beneficiaries receiving SVB.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.  
 Number of Respondents: 100.  
 Frequency of Response: 1.  
 Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17 hours.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require

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. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, approval of existing information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) 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 on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202–395–6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Fax: 410–965–6400.

I. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the

SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *SSA Survey of Online Services Internet Panel-0960-New.* SSA plans to conduct an online panel survey with pre-retirement individuals. The survey will ask a number of questions about participants' experiences with SSA's Internet-based services. The results of the survey will be used to assess awareness of SSA Internet-based services and to identify ways to increase awareness of these services in the pre-retirement population. The respondents are individuals ages 50-67 who are employed and who have agreed to be contacted via e-mail for online surveys.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000,

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

2. *Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Account Records From a Financial Institution and Request for Records—20 CFR 416.200, 416.203—0960-0293.* The SSA-4641-U2 provides financial institutions with the applicant, recipient, or deemor's authorization to disclose records. Responses to the questions are used, in part, to determine whether the resources requirements are met in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The respondents are financial institutions used by SSI applicants, recipients and/or deemors.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 500,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 50,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the

information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—20 CFR 404.380-404.384—0960-0096.* Form SSA-19-F6 collects the information needed to determine whether a claimant can qualify for Special Age 72 payments. Eligibility requirements will be evaluated based on the data collected on this form. The respondents are individuals who reached age 72 before 1972.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2 hours.

2. *Medical or Psychological Review of Childhood Disability Evaluation Form (SSA-538)—20 CFR 416.1040, 416.1043, 416.1045, 416.924(g)—0960-0675.* Form SSA-536 is used by SSA medical or psychological consultants to document their review and assessment of the Childhood Disability Evaluation Form, SSA-538, prepared by State Disability Determination Services employees. A childhood disability evaluation is required in each SSI childhood disability case that is reviewed. The respondents are 256 SSA medical and psychological consultants.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Responses:* 17,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,400 hours.

3. *Claimant's Medication—20 CFR 404.1512, 416.912—0960-0289.* The

HA-4632, completed by applicants for disability benefits, provides an updated list of medications used by the claimant. This enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into the medical treatment the claimant is receiving and the effect of medications on the claimant's impairments and functional capacity. The respondents are applicants for Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits, and/or SSI payments.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 171,939.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 42,985 hours.

4. *Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Account Records from a Financial Institution and Request for Records (Medicare Low-Income Subsidy)—0960-New.* Under the aegis of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Medicare beneficiaries can apply for a subsidy for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) program. In some cases selected for the Medicare Quality Review System (OMB No. 0960-0707), SSA will need to verify the details of applicants' accounts at financial institutions to determine if they are eligible for the subsidy. Form SSA-4640 will give SSA the authority to contact financial institutions about beneficiaries' accounts. It will also be used by financial institutions to verify the information requested by SSA. The respondents are applicants for the Medicare Part D program subsidy and financial institutions where applicants have accounts.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 834 hours.

	Medicare Part D subsidy appli- cants	Financial institu- tions	Totals
Number of respondents .....	10,000 .....	10,000 .....	20,000.
Frequency of response .....	1 .....	1 .....	1.
Average burden per response (minutes) .....	1 minute .....	4 minutes .....	5 minutes.
Estimated annual burden (hours) .....	167 hours .....	667 hours .....	834 hours.

Dated: June 6, 2006.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Social Security Ruling, SSR 06-02p]

### Title II: Adjudicating Child Relationship Under Section 216(h)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act When Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Test Shows Sibling Relationship Between Claimant and a Child of the Worker Who Is Entitled Under Section 216(h)(3) of the Social Security Act on the Worker's Earnings Record

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

**ACTION:** Notice of social security ruling.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1), the Commissioner of Social Security gives notice of Social Security Ruling, SSR 06-02p. To be entitled to child's insurance benefits on the earnings record of a worker under section 202(d) of the Social Security Act (The Act), a claimant must prove, among other things, that he or she is the worker's child. There are several ways a child can do this. As is pertinent to this Ruling, three of the ways are meeting either the State law definition of child under section 216(h)(2)(A) of the Act or one of the two federal law definitions of child under section 216(h)(3) of the Act. This Ruling provides that if the results of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) testing show a high probability that an entitled child is the sibling of a child claimant who is filing under the State law definition and we have already determined that the entitled child is the worker's natural child under one of the two federal law definitions in section 216(h)(3), we will rely on the 216(h)(3) determination when we determine whether the child claimant is the worker's child in accordance with section 216(h)(2)(A) of the Act. Under these circumstances, we will not determine whether the child who is entitled under one of the federal law definitions in section 216(h)(3) also meets the definition of child under State law.

**DATES:** Effective Date: June 13, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Jayne Neubauer or Pete White, Social Security Specialists, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security

Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 966-7303 or (410) 594-2041 or TTY (800) 966-5609.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Although we are not required to do so pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and (a)(2), we are publishing this Social Security Ruling in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1).

Social Security Rulings make available to the public precedential decisions relating to the Federal old-age, survivors, disability, supplemental security income, and special veterans benefits programs. Social Security Rulings may be based on case decisions made at all administrative levels of adjudication, federal court decisions, Commissioner's decisions, opinions of the Office of the General Counsel, and policy interpretations of the law and regulations.

Although Social Security Rulings do not have the same force and effect as the statute or regulations, they are binding on all components of the Social Security Administration, in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1), and are binding as precedents in adjudicating cases.

If this Social Security Ruling is later superseded, modified, or rescinded, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to that effect.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance.)

Dated: June 5, 2006.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

### Policy Interpretation Ruling

*Title II: Adjudicating Child Relationship Under Section 216(H)(2)(A) Of The Social Security Act When Deoxyribonucleic Acid (Dna) Test Shows Sibling Relationship Between Claimant And A Child Of The Worker Who Is Entitled Under Section 216(H)(3) Of The Social Security Act*

**Purpose:** To explain our policy when:

- We have determined under section 216(h)(3) of the Act that a child (referred to here as "C1") is the natural child of the worker;
- We must determine whether another child (referred to here as "C2") is the worker's child under section 216(h)(2)(A) of the Act; and
- The results of sibling DNA testing show a high probability of a sibling relationship between C1 and C2.

Citations (Authority): Sections 202(d), 205(a), 216(e), 216(h)(2)(A), 216(h)(3) and 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act; Regulations No. 4, subpart D, sections 404.350, 404.354 and 404.355.

**Pertinent History:** To be entitled to child's insurance benefits on the earnings record of a worker under section 202(d) of the Act, a claimant must prove, among other things, that he or she is the worker's child. A claimant may prove that he or she is the child of the worker in any of the following four ways:

1. The claimant could inherit the worker's property as the worker's child under the law of intestate succession of the appropriate State. See section 216(h)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 416(h)(2)(A); 20 CFR 404.355(a)(1).

2. The claimant is the worker's natural child and the worker and the claimant's mother or father went through a ceremony that would have resulted in a valid marriage between them except for a "legal impediment." See section 216(h)(2)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 416(h)(2)(B); 20 CFR 404.355(a)(2).

3. The claimant is the worker's natural child and, at the appropriate time, the worker acknowledged in writing that the claimant was the worker's child, was decreed by a court to be the claimant's parent, or was ordered by a court to contribute to the claimant's support because the claimant was the worker's child. See section 216(h)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 416(h)(3); 20 CFR 404.355(a)(3).

4. The claimant is shown by evidence satisfactory to us to be the worker's natural child, and the worker was living with the claimant or contributing to the claimant's support at the appropriate time. See section 216(h)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 416(h)(3); 20 CFR 404.355(a)(4).

For purposes of this policy interpretation ruling, paragraph 1 above is the State law definition of "child," and paragraphs 2 through 4 are the Federal law definitions of "child."<sup>1</sup>

This policy interpretation ruling applies when the results of sibling DNA testing show a high probability of a sibling relationship between a child claimant (C2) and a child (C1) whom we have determined to be the worker's child under one of the federal law definitions in section 216(h)(3) of the Act. This Ruling addresses two questions:

1. If C1 meets the requirements of section 216(h)(3), must C1 also meet the State law definition of child in order for us to use evidence of the sibling

<sup>1</sup> A claimant also may qualify as the worker's child by proving that he or she is the legally adopted child, stepchild or equitably adopted child of the worker, or that he or she is the grandchild or step-grandchild of the worker or the worker's spouse. See section 216(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 416(e); 20 CFR 404.356-404.359. This ruling does not address these relationships.