

disability beneficiaries and community organizations. The positions are established initially in a pilot program supporting 51 service areas. SSA proposes to test three models, which

vary by organizational placement and assigned duties of the ESR. SSA will evaluate the models to determine which model or feature(s) of the model(s) are most effective through information we

will collect from individuals and organizations who made contact with, or received services from, ESRs in each of the models during the pilot.

	Individuals	Organizations
Number of Respondents	1,332	894.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	10 minutes	15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	222 hours	224 hours.

7. Survey of Low-Income and Disabled Children-0960-NEW. The Survey of Low-Income and Disabled Children (SOLID KIDS) is designed to collect nationally representative data on children and young adults with SSI experience, including current and previous SSI recipients and SSI applicants. To solicit information, SSA will employ two versions of the SOLID KIDS survey. One survey will be directed at children under age 17. The other, a young adult version, is designed for children who are 17 or older at the time of the survey.

The survey is designed to provide SSA with data on SSI recipients in the following areas:

- Disability and health status;
- Health care utilization;
- Health insurance coverage;
- Out-of-pocket health care expenses;
- Education and training;
- Service utilization and cost;
- Employment income assets;
- Child care; and
- Housing and transportation.

This information will allow SSA to answer policy-relevant questions, for example, the impact of welfare reform on SSI children and young adults, cost of caring for children and young adults with disabilities, transition issues for young adults with disabilities, service utilization patterns, health care access, and unmet health care needs.

The data will be used for internal research and policy evaluation, for briefings, in mandated reports to Congress, in published descriptions in the Social Security Bulletin and elsewhere. External researchers will have access to public-use files.

Respondents to the SOLID KIDS survey, children's version, will be parent's or guardian's of the sample children under age 17 at the time of the survey. The young adult version of the SOLID KIDS survey is designed for children who are 17 or older at the time of the survey. For young adults who are still living in their parents' household, the respondent will be the parent or guardian. For young adults who are living away from their parents (for example, in a group home or facility, or

in their own home or apartment), the respondent will be the young adults themselves. In cases where the young adult is living outside of the parent's home and is unable to complete the survey due to disability, a proxy respondent will be selected.

Number of respondents: 9,857.

Number of Response: 1.

Average burden per response: 58 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 9,528 hours.

SSA Address—Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

OMB Address—Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is given that Subchapter S2R, the Office of Central Operations (OCO), is being amended to reflect the establishment of the Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6) under the Associate Commissioner for Central Operations. Functions within some components in OCO are expanded or realigned. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S2R.10 *The Office of Central Operations—(Organization):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (OCO) (S2R).

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC):

Establish:

f. The Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6).

Section S2R.20 *The Office of Central Operations—(Functions):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, OCO (S2R).

2. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for International Operations (S2RE).

a. The Division of International Operations (DIO) (S2RE1):

Delete the eleventh sentence, i.e., "It designs and conducts validation and other special studies to foster integrity in the Social Security program overseas."

3. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Earnings Operations (S2RB).

a. The Division of Earnings Record Operations (S2RB1):

Add:

6. Provides information on all SSA-administered programs in response to telephone inquiries and requests for assistance from the public through SSA's 800 number system.

c. The Wilkes-Barre Data Operations Center (S2RB-F3):

Delete:

4. Is the central repository for SSI folders.

Add:

4. Provides information on all SSA-administered programs in response to telephone inquiries and requests for assistance from the public through SSA's 800 number system.

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC):

Amend as follows:

The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC) is responsible for the direction of six centers which perform systems, management, program, material resources, personnel management services and security and integrity support functions for OCO.

b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2): Delete Item 3 in its entirety.

d. The Center for Material Resources Support (S2RC4):

Add:

7. Is the central repository for SSI folders.

Establish:

f. The Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6).

1. Performs independent integrity reviews to detect and prevent employee and beneficiary fraud. Plans, develops and implements the OCO security program, conducts security reviews. Reviews potential employee and beneficiary fraud cases and determines whether cases will be referred for prosecution.

2. Serves as a liaison with auditing and investigative agencies (OIG, GAO, etc.) on matters impacting the integrity of OCO operations.

3. Designs and conducts validation and other special studies to evaluate and foster integrity in Social Security programs overseas.

4. Conducts security awareness and LSO training and is responsible for OEO procedure and administration.

5. Administers the full range of program services for Individuals of Extraordinary National Prominence (IENP).

Dated: August 30, 2000.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.
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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 (SSA).

ACTION: Proposed 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 under the Privacy Act entitled SSA Administrative Sanctions Database. The proposed new system of records will maintain information SSA will use to investigate and take appropriate action in cases of individuals suspected of knowingly making false or misleading statements when pursuing claims under title II or title XVI of the Social Security Act. We also are proposing to establish 'routine use' disclosures applicable to the proposed new system of records. We invite public comments on this publication.

DATES: We filed a report of the proposed new system of records with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on August 28, 2000. We also requested OMB to waive the 40-day advance notice requirements for the system. If OMB does not grant the waiver we will not implement the proposal before October 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, 3-F-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Patricia G. Smith, Social Insurance Policy Specialist, Social Security Administration, Room 3-C-2 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone (410) 965-1552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New System of Records

A. General Background

On December 14, 1999, the President signed into law the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, Public Law 106-169. Section 207 of this law amended title XI of the Social Security Act (Act) by adding section 1129A, that provides for the imposition by SSA of a penalty on an individual who makes or causes to be made, a statement or representation of a material fact, that the person knows or should know is false or misleading, or omits a material fact that the person makes with a knowing disregard for the truth. The statement must be made for use in determining eligibility for or the amount of benefits under title II or title XVI.

In order to implement section 1129A of the Act, SSA must collect and maintain relevant information about individuals suspected of knowingly making false or misleading statements for use in determining any initial or continuing right to or the amount of monthly insurance benefits under title II or title XVI. This information will be housed in a database and information about specific cases will be retrieved from the database by the Social Security number (SSN) and name of the individual. The information in the database will be used to investigate and take appropriate action against individuals who may have knowingly made false or misleading statements, and for management information purposes. The configuration of a database in this manner constitutes a 'system of records' under the Privacy Act.

B. Collection of Data

The information that will be maintained in the SSA Administrative Sanctions Database may be obtained from the individuals suspected of knowingly making false or misleading

statements and from other SSA systems of records, such as the Claims Folders System, maintaining information individuals provide when applying for benefits under SSA programs. Other information will be generated as a result of the investigations that will be conducted. The SSA Administrative Sanctions Database will maintain the following types of records:

- *Information about the initial record setup:* Identification of the SSA regional office (RO) and field office (FO) that initiated the record; identifying information about the suspect such as name, Social Security number (SSN), date of birth, and address; SSA program involved—title II or title XVI, or both; type of claim event—postentitlement or initial claim; information indicating whether the case is a sanctions case; date case referred to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG);

- *Information about the initial level sanctions determination:* The following data will be input by FOs and ROs: (through intranet screens)—information indicating whether sanctions will be imposed or deferred, whether the FO office is subject to early information system review (EIS) or FO is no longer subject to EIS review;

- *Information about immediate sanctions proposed:* Data such as the following will be input by the FO or RO—information indicating whether a reconsideration was filed by the individual, the date of the reconsideration and the date a reconsideration decision was sent to the individual; if benefits were withheld, the amount withheld, date of the suspension, iteration (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 3rd +) the dates sanctions began and ended, date sent for End-of-Line review, if appropriate, and results of End-of-Line Review; if the individual requests a hearing, the date of the hearing, the hearing decision, date the hearing decision sent to the individual; if a decision is made to reinstate benefits, the date 60-day notice received in FO for EIS review, the date of input to end sanctions and the date sanctions are removed. If there is Appeals Council (AC) action, the date of the AC decision, the AC decision ("A" for affirmed, "R" for reversed), and date the AC decision was sent to individual.

- *Management Information:* Data identifying savings to the trust fund, general revenue and the state, realized through the imposition of administrative sanctions and the amount of overpayments incurred by individuals who gave false or misleading statements for use in determining eligibility or benefit amount under title II or title XVI.

- *Deferred Sanctions Proposed:* Data such as the following will be input by the FO when deferred sanctions have been proposed. The data gathered is similar to but less extensive than cases where immediate sanctions are proposed. Most notably, we will gather appeals data but will not gather data on benefit withholding since that action will take place at a later date. The data gathered will indicate whether a reconsideration was filed, the date the reconsideration was filed, date the reconsideration decision was sent to the