

claimant's SSN or the SSN on which benefits have been awarded or claimed (claim account number (CAN)).

There are three types of data in each CAN:

**Account data.** This includes the primary insurance amount, insured status of the SSN-holder (if no monthly benefits are payable), data relating to the computation (use of military service credits, railroad retirement credits, or coverage credits earned under the social security system of a foreign country when the claim is based on a totalization agreement), and, if only survivor's benefits have been paid, identifying data about the SSN holder (full name, date of birth, date of death and verification of date of death).

**Payment data.** This includes the payee's name and address, data about a financial institution (if benefits are sent directly to the institution for deposit), the monthly payment amount, the amount and date of a one-time payment of past due benefits, and, where appropriate, a scheduled future payment. Payment data can refer to one beneficiary or several beneficiaries in a combined payment.

**Beneficiary data.** This includes personal information (name, date of birth, sex, date of filing, relationship to the SSN holder, other SSN's, benefit amount and payment status), and, if applicable, information about a representative payee, data about disability entitlement, worker's compensation offset data, estimates and report of earnings, or student entitlement information.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Sections 202-205, 223, 226, 228, 1818, 1836, and 1840 of the Social Security Act (the Act).

**PURPOSE(S):**

Data in this system are used by a broad range of Social Security employees for responding to inquiries, generating followups on beneficiary reporting events, computer exception processing, statistical studies, conversion of benefits, and generating records for the Department of the Treasury to pay the correct benefit amount.

Data in this system also are available to the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') Office of Inspector General for use in the performance of the duties of that office.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Disclosure may be made for routine uses as indicated below:

1. To applicants or claimants, prospective applicants or claimants (other than the data subject), their authorized representatives or representative payees to the extent necessary to pursue Social Security claims and to representative payees, when the information pertains to individuals for whom they serve as representative payees, for the purpose of assisting SSA in administering its representative payment responsibilities under the Act and assisting the representative payees in performing their duties as payees, including receiving and accounting for benefits for individuals for whom they serve as payees.

2. To third party contacts in situations where the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information relating to the individual's capability to manage his/her affairs or his/her eligibility for, or entitlement to, benefits under the Social Security program when:

(a) The individual is unable to provide information being sought. An individual is considered to be unable to provide certain types of information when:

(1) He/she is incapable or of questionable mental capability;  
 (2) He/she cannot read or write;  
 (3) He/she cannot afford the cost of obtaining the information;  
 (4) He/she has a hearing impairment, and is contacting SSA by telephone through a telecommunications relay system operator;

(5) A language barrier exists; or  
 (6) The custodian of the information will not, as a matter of policy, provide it to the individual; or

(b) The data are needed to establish the validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual, and it concerns one or more of the following:

(1) His/her eligibility for benefits under the Social Security program;  
 (2) The amount of his/her benefit payment; or  
 (3) Any case in which the evidence is being reviewed as a result of suspected fraud, concern for program integrity, quality appraisal, or evaluation and measurement activities.

3. To third party contacts where necessary to establish or verify information provided by representative payees or payee applicants.

4. To a person (or persons) on the rolls when a claim is filed by another individual which is adverse to the person on the rolls:

(a) An award of benefits to a new claimant precludes an award to a prior claimant; or

(b) An award of benefits to a new claimant will reduce the benefit

payments to the individual(s) on the rolls; but only for information concerning the facts relevant to the interests of each party in a claim.

5. To the Department of the Treasury for:

(a) Collecting Social Security taxes or as otherwise pertinent to tax and benefit payment provisions of the Act (including SSN verification services);

(b) Investigating the alleged theft, forgery, or unlawful negotiation of Social Security checks;

(c) Determining the Federal tax liability on Social Security benefits pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6050F. The information disclosed will consist of the following:

(1) The aggregate amount of Social Security benefits paid with respect to any individual during any calendar year;

(2) The aggregate amount of Social Security benefits repaid by such individual during such calendar year;

(3) The aggregate reductions under section 224 of the Act in benefits which would otherwise have been paid to such individual during the calendar year on account of amounts received under a worker's compensation act; and

(4) The name and address of such individual; and

(d) Depositing the tax withheld on benefits paid to nonresident aliens in the Treasury (Social Security Trust Funds) pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 871.

6. To the United States Postal Service for investigating the alleged theft or forgery of Social Security checks.

7. To the Department of Justice (DOJ) for:

(a) Investigating and prosecuting violations of the Act to which criminal penalties attach;

(b) Representing the Secretary of HHS; and

(c) Investigating issues of fraud by agency officers or employees, or violation of civil rights.

8. To the Department of State for administering the Act in foreign countries through services and facilities of that agency.

9. To the American Institute of Taiwan for administering the Act in Taiwan through services and facilities of that agency.

10. To the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Philippines Regional Office, for administering the Act in the Philippines through the services and facilities of that agency.

11. To the Department of Interior for administering the Act in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands through services and facilities of that agency.

12. Information necessary to adjudicate claims filed under an