

comments on how to make these proposed rules easier to understand.

For example:

- Have we organized the material to suit your needs?
- Are the requirements in the rules clearly stated?
- Do the rules contain technical language or jargon that is unclear?
- Would a different format (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing) make the rules easier to understand?
- Would more (but shorter) sections be better?
- Could we improve clarity by adding tables, lists, or diagrams?

- What else could we do to make the rules easier to understand?

#### Regulatory Procedures

##### *Executive Order 12866*

We have consulted with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and determined that these proposed rules do not meet the criteria for a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258. Thus, they were not subject to OMB review.

##### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

We certify that these proposed rules will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities

since they affect only individuals claiming benefits under title VIII of the Act. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis, as provided for in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended, is not required.

##### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

These proposed rules contain reporting requirements as shown in the table below. Where the public reporting burden is accounted for in Information Collection Requests for the various forms that the public uses to submit the information to SSA, a 1-hour placeholder burden is being assigned to the specific reporting requirement(s) contained in these rules.

Section No.	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (hrs.)	Estimated annual hour burden
§ 408.704–.714 .....	1	1	1	1
§ 408.802(b) .....	5	1	.25	1.25
§ 408.814 .....	5	1	.25	1.25
§ 408.820(c) .....	5	1	.25	1.25
§ 408.923(b) .....	1	1	1	1
§ 408.931(b) and § 408.932(d) .....	1	1	1	1
§ 408.932(c) .....	2	1	.25	.50
§ 408.932(e) .....	2	1	.25	.50
§ 408.941(b) and § 408.942 .....	2	1	.25	.50
§ 408.944(a) .....	2	1	.50	1
§ 408.1000(a) .....	1	1	1	1
§§ 408.1007; 408.1009(a)–(b) .....	1	1	1	1
§ 408.1009(c) .....	1	1	1	1
§ 408.1210(c)–(d) .....	1	1	2	2
§ 408.1215 .....	10	1	.25	2.50
§ 408.1230 .....	20	1	.25	5.00

An Information Collection Request has been submitted to OMB for clearance. We are soliciting comments on the burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at the following fax number and to the Social Security Administration at the following address or fax number: Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202–395–6974. Social Security Administration, Attn: SSA Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, Fax Number: 410–965–6400.

Comments can be received for between 30 and 60 days after publication of this notice and will be most useful if received by SSA within 30 days of publication.

(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; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income; 96.020, Special Benefits for Certain World War II Veterans)

#### List of Subjects

##### *20 CFR Part 404*

Administrative practice and procedure; Death benefits; Blind, Disability benefits; Old-age, Survivors and disability insurance; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

##### *20 CFR Part 408*

Administrative practice and procedure; Aged; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social security; Special veterans benefits; Veterans.

##### *20 CFR Part 416*

Administrative practice and procedure; Aged, Blind, Disability benefits; Public assistance programs,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Dated: October 24, 2003.

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*Commissioner of Social Security.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, we propose to amend Chapter III of Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

#### **PART 404—FEDERAL OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS AND DISABILITY INSURANCE (1950– )**

1. The authority citation for subpart E of part 404 is amended to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 202, 203, 204(a) and (e), 205(a) and (c), 222(b), 223(e), 224, 225, 702(a)(5), 808 and 1129A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402, 403, 404(a) and (e), 405(a) and (c), 422(b), 423(e), 424a, 425, 902(a)(5), 1008 and 1320a–8a).

2. Section 404.401 is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows: