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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. Certificate of Support—20 CFR 404.408a, 404.370, and 404.750—0960-0001. The information collected by form SSA-760-F4 is used to determine whether a deceased worker provided one-half support required for entitlement to Social Security parent's or spouse's benefits. The information will also be used to determine whether the Government pension offset would apply to the applicant's benefit payments. The respondents are parents of deceased workers or spouses who may be subject to Government pension offset.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 18,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4,500 hours.

2. Notice Regarding Substitution of Party Upon Death of Claimant—20 CFR 404.957(c)(4) and 416.1457(c)(4)—0960-0288. When a claimant for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits dies while a request for a hearing is pending, the hearing will be dismissed unless an eligible individual makes a written request to SSA showing that he or she would be adversely affected by the dismissal of the deceased's claim. An individual may satisfy this requirement by completing an HA-539. SSA uses the information collected to document the individual's request to be made a substitute party for a deceased claimant, and to make a decision on whom, if anyone, should become a substitute party for the deceased. The respondents are individuals requesting hearings on behalf of deceased claimants for Social Security benefits.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
*Number of Respondents:* 10,548.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 879 hours.

3. Request to Resolve Questionable Quarters of Coverage (QC); Request for QC History Based on Relationship—0960-0575. Form SSA-512 is used by States to request clarification from SSA on questionable QC information. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act states that aliens admitted for lawful residence who have worked and earned 40 qualifying QCs for Social Security purposes can generally receive State benefits. Form SSA-513 is used by States to request QC information for an alien's spouse or child in cases where the alien does not sign a consent form giving permission to access his/her Social Security records. QCs can also be allocated to a spouse and/or to a child under age 18, if needed, to obtain 40 qualifying QCs for the alien. The respondents are State agencies that require QC information in order to determine eligibility for benefits.

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

Burden Information	SSA-512	SSA-513
Number of Respondents .....	200,000	350,000
Frequency of Response .....	1	1
Average Burden Per Response (minute) .....	2	2
Estimated Annual Burden (hours) .....	6,667	11,667

4. International Direct Deposit—31 CFR 210-0960-NEW. SSA uses the information collected on the International Direct Deposit (IDD) Form, SSA-1199 (Country), to enroll beneficiaries residing abroad in the IDD program. There are currently 39 countries where IDD is now available, and SSA plans to expand this service to other countries as it becomes available. The SSA-1199 (Country) is named according to the country for its intended use, but will always request the same basic enrollment information. This form is a variation of the SF-1199 A, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form, which is used to enroll a beneficiary in direct deposit to a U.S. financial institution. The respondents are beneficiaries living in a foreign country that request Direct Deposit to a financial institution in their country of residence.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 417 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. Annual Earnings Test Direct Mail Follow-Up Program Notices—20 CFR 404.452-455—0960-0369. In 1997, as part of the initiative to reinvent government, SSA began to use the information reported on W-2's and self-employment tax returns to adjust benefits under the earnings test rather than have beneficiaries make a separate report, which often showed the same information. As a result, beneficiaries under full retirement age (FRA) complete forms SSA-L9778-SM-SUP, SSA-L9779-SM-SUP and SSA-L9781-SM under this information collection. With the passage of the Senior Citizen Freedom to Work Act of 2000, the annual earnings test (AET) at FRA was eliminated. As a result, SSA designed two new Midyear Mailer Forms, SSA-L9784-SM and SSA-L9785-SM, to request an earnings estimate (in the year of FRA) for the period prior to the month of FRA. Social Security benefits may be adjusted based on the information provided and this information is needed to comply with the law. Consequently, the Midyear Mailer program has become an even more important tool in helping SSA to ensure that Social Security payments are correct. Respondents are beneficiaries who must update their current year estimate of earnings, give SSA an estimate of earnings for the following year and an earnings estimate (in the year of FRA) for the period prior to the month of FRA.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 225,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 37,500 hours.

2. Application for Lump Sum Death Payment—20 CFR 404.390-404.392—0960-0013. The information collected on form SSA-8 by SSA is required to authorize payment of a lump-sum death benefit to a widow, widower, or children as defined in Section 202(i) of the Social Security Act. The respondents are widows, widowers or children who apply for a lump-sum death payment.