

Security and to investigate issues of fraud by SSA officers or employees or violation of civil rights.

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

The Department of State acts as SSA's agent in administering Social Security affairs in foreign countries. We contemplate disclosing to the Department of State, as necessary, to administer the Social Security program for individuals residing in foreign countries.

12. To the American Institute of Taiwan and its agents for administering the Act in Taiwan through facilities and services of that organization.

The American Institute of Taiwan acts as SSA's agent in administering Social Security affairs in Taiwan. We contemplate disclosing to the American Institute of Taiwan, as necessary, to administer the Social Security program for individuals residing in Taiwan.

13. To the Department of Veterans Affairs, Philippines Regional Office and its agents, for administering the Act in the Philippines through facilities and services of that agency.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Philippines Regional Office, acts as SSA's agent in administering Social Security affairs in the Philippines. We contemplate disclosing to that agency as necessary to administer benefits for individuals residing in the Philippines.

14. To the Department of Interior and its agents for administering the Act in the Northern Mariana Islands through facilities and services of that agency.

The Department of Interior acts as SSA's agent in administering Social Security affairs in the Northern Mariana Islands. We contemplate disclosing to the Department of Interior, as necessary, to administer the Social Security program for individuals residing in the Northern Mariana Islands.

15. To State Social Security Administrators for administration of agreements pursuant to section 218 of the Act.

We will disclose information under this routine use only for the purpose of administering agreements pursuant to section 218 of the Act.

16. To private medical and vocational consultants for use in making preparation for, or evaluating the results of, consultative medical examinations or vocational assessments which they were engaged to perform by SSA or a State agency acting in accord with sections 221 or 1633 of the Act.

We will disclose information under this routine use only for the purpose of evaluating the results of consultative

medical examinations or vocational assessments to assist SSA in the development of disability determinations pursuant to sections 221 or 1633 of the Act.

17. To specified business and other community members and Federal, State, and local agencies for verification of eligibility for benefits under section 1631(e) of the Act.

We will disclose information under this routine use only for the purpose of assisting SSA in the verification of information necessary for the effective and efficient administration of SSA programs pursuant to section 1631(e) of the Act.

18. To institutions or facilities approved for treatment of drug addicts or alcoholics as a condition of the individual's eligibility for payment under section 1611(e)(3) of the Act and as authorized by regulations issued by the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention.

We will disclose information under this routine use only for the purpose of verifying eligibility for payment as authorized by section 1611(e)(3) of the Act and regulations issued by the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention.

19. To applicants, 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.

We will disclose information under this routine use, only to the extent necessary, to pursue Social Security claims and assist SSA in administration of the representative payee program.

20. In response to legal process or interrogatories relating to the enforcement of an individual's child support or alimony obligations, as required by sections 459 and 460 of the Act.

We will disclose information under this routine use only in accordance with the child support and alimony obligations set out in sections 459 and 460 of the Act.

21. To Federal, State or local agencies (or agents on their behalf) for administering cash or non-cash income

maintenance or health maintenance programs (including programs under the Act). Such disclosures include, but are not limited to, release of information to:

(a) The Railroad Retirement Board for administering provisions of the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Acts relating to railroad employment and for administering the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act;

(b) The VA for administering 38 U.S.C. 412, and upon request, information needed to determine eligibility for or amount of VA benefits or verifying other information with respect thereto;

(c) The Department of Labor for administering provisions of Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act, as amended by the Black Lung Benefits Act;

(d) State agencies for making determinations of Medicaid eligibility; and

(e) State agencies for making determinations of food stamp eligibility under the food stamp program;

(f) To State audit agencies for auditing State supplementation payments and Medicaid eligibility considerations; and expenditures of Federal funds by the State in support of the DDSs;

(g) To State welfare departments pursuant to agreements with SSA for administration of State supplementation payments; for enrollment of welfare recipients for medical insurance under section 1843 of the Act; and for conducting independent quality assurance reviews of SSI recipient records, provided that the agreement for Federal administration of the supplementation provides for such an independent review; and

(h) To State vocational rehabilitation agencies or State crippled children's service agencies (or other agencies providing services to disabled children) for consideration of rehabilitation services per sections 222 and 1615 of the Act.

We will disclose information under this routine use only for the purpose of supporting other government agencies that administer programs which have the same compatible purposes as SSA programs, e.g., eligibility, benefit amounts, or other matters of benefit status in a social security program and is relevant to determining the same matters in the other program.

22. To the Social Security agency of a foreign country, to carry out the purpose of an international Social Security agreement entered into between the United States and the other country, pursuant to section 233 of the Act.