

**Addendum to the Supporting Statement for Form SSA-8001  
Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
(Deferred or Abbreviated)  
20 CFR 416.305 - 20 CFR 416.335, Subpart C  
OMB No. 0960-0444**

**Revisions to the Collection Instruments**

**Paper SSA-8001 (and Fillable PDF Version):**

We are making the following revisions to the paper SSA-8001 to make it a self-help form and to use if for either adult or child claims that collects basic eligibility questions, like the iClaim/iSSI. The SSA-8000 full application (OMB N0. 0960-0229) will continue to collect the development questions we are removing from this form in the event technicians may need to collect additional information to resolve an issue that makes eligibility questionable.

- **Change #1:** We created an adult and child version of the paper application and limited the adult application to only one applicant. Couples and parent/child claims will require each member of the couple to answer all application questions independent of their spouse.

**Justification #1:** The current paper SSA-8001 includes duplicate questions to cover situations where both members of a couple are filing at the same time, or the claimant is a child. Creating an adult and child version of the form significantly reduces the questions and instructions on the form making it easier to read and complete.

- **Change #2:** Removed the collection of:
  - o 5 possible claim types: individual, individual with ineligible spouse, couple, child, child with parent(s).
  - o #2(a-c), “If filing as spouse or couple Spouse’s Names, birthdate and Social Security Number.”
  - o #3(a-f), “If filing for a child Parent (1 and 2), Name, birthdate and Social Security Number.”
  - o #9 instructions, “If you are filing for yourself, go to (a); if you are filing for a child, go to (e), and “Your Spouse, if filing” response column for (a-c).
  - o #10 instructions – (and your spouse filing for benefits) and “the column that collects a spouse’s response titled “Your Spouse, if filing.”
  - o #11 – 17 –the column that collects a spouse’s response titled “Your Spouse, if filing.”
  - o Part 9 – Spouse’s signature

**Justification #2:** Having an adult and child version of the application and limiting the application to only one claimant eliminates the need for this information.

- **Change #3:** Removed the collection of other names and Social Security Numbers used for the claimant, claimant's spouse, or if claimant is a child, the claimant's parents, (#6) and place of birth (#7-8)

**Justification #3:** We used these questions for identification, and they do not pertain to SSI eligibility. For paper claims that are mailed in, technicians contact the applicant to verify their identity and the identity of the claimant if different from the applicant, therefore, we no longer need them here.

- **Change #4:** Rephrased question 9(a) from "Are you unable to work or is your work limited because of illness, injuries or conditions?" to "Do you have any illnesses, injuries, or conditions that significantly limit your ability to work and has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death? For the child version of the form, we phrased the question: "Does the child have a physical or mental condition (including an emotional or learning problem) that results in severe functional limitations and has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death?"

**Justification #4:** Revised the question to accurately reflect the definition of disability for Social Security purposes and obtain the applicant's allegation that the child has a condition that aligns with SSA's definition of disability for children.

- **Change #5:** Rephrased 9(b) from "Enter the date you became unable to work" to "Approximately when do you believe your illness, injuries, or conditions became severe enough to significantly limit your ability to work or keep or keep you from working?"

**Justification #5:** We are revising the question to include situations where individuals may continue working under SGA levels.

- **Change #6:** We removed question 9d, "Does the child have a parent or stepparent who is 62 or older, unable to work because of illnesses, injuries, or conditions, or deceased?" which is used to identify eligibility for Child Insurance benefits on a parent's record.

**Justification 6:** We are removing this question because we kept the data collection from #3(a) for the child's application which collects the parent's name, birthdate and social security number. Technicians can use this information to identify if the parent is entitled Retirement or Disability Insurance benefits or if the parent is deceased.

- **Change #7:** We replaced the instructions to skip #10 if the claimant is a United States citizen at birth and removed "naturalized" from 10(a) that reads, "Are you a naturalized United States citizen," with "United States Citizen" and a "Yes" and "No" box to check.

**Justification 7:** SSI eligibility doesn't consider how a person obtained their U.S. citizenship.

- **Change #8:** We consolidated the collection of American Indian and immigration status, revised wording of American Indian statuses and added three immigration status.
  - Replaced: “Are you an American Indian born outside the United States?” and “Check the block below that shows your current immigration status.” with “Select your Native American or immigration status.” #4c);
  - Revised “American Indian born in Canada” To: “Canadian-born with 50% Native American blood.,” and
  - Revised “Member of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe,” to “Non-U.S. citizen member of a federally recognized tribe.” (see current SSA-8001 #10c-d and revised application
  - Added: Battered alien or alien with a battered parent or child, Compact of Free Association States (COFA), and Iraqi or Afghan special immigrant.

**Justification #8:** We made these changes to streamline the application, use appropriate terms, and include two immigration statuses currently collected with SSI Claims and a relatively new one (COFA) that will be added to SSI Claims and iClaim in the future.

- **Change #9:** We removed the following questions from the application for both child and adult:
  - 12(a) Have you, your child, or your parent been subjected to battery or extreme cruelty while in the United States?
  - 12(b) Have you, your child, or your parent filed a petition with the Department of Homeland Security for a change in immigration status because of being subjected to battery or extreme cruelty?
  - 13 – Are you, your spouse, or parent an active-duty member or a veteran of the armed forces of the United States?
  - 14(a) When did you first make your home in the United States?
  - 14(b) Have you lived outside of the United States since then?
  - 14(c) Give the date(s) of residence outside the United States.
  - 15(a) Have you been outside the United States (the 50 States, District of Columbia and Northern Mariana Islands) 30 days prior to the filing date?
  - 15(b) Give the date you left the United States and the date you returned to the United States.
  - 17(a) Do you have any felony warrants for escape from custody, flight to avoid prosecution or confinement, of flight escape?

**Justification #9:** We are limiting the information we collect from the public to ones that identify SSI eligibility in the month of filing. These are developmental questions and technicians can use the SSA-8000 to obtain this information if needed to resolve a questionable eligibility issue.

- **Change #10:** Removed 12(a-b), “Have you, your child, or your parent been subjected to battery or extreme cruelty while in the United States?” and “Have you, your child, or your parent filed a petitions with the Department of Homeland Security for a change in immigration status because of being subjected to battery or extreme cruelty.

**Justification #10:** To align with the information, we collect with SSI Claims and iClaim/iSSI we removed these questions because and added “Battered Alien or Alien with a Battered Parent” to the list of immigration status options (see Change #10).

- **Change #11:** We added, “Enter the date you are completing this application (mm/dd/yyyy)” as #1 on both versions of the application.

- **Justification #11:** To ensure all responses are based on the same month.

- **Change #12:** We made the following changes for the Living Arrangement section, #18-20.

- Removed instructions (Use “Remarks” to explain any change between the first moment of the filing date month and today.)
- Added instructions, “Give the address where you were living on \_\_\_\_/1/\_\_\_\_ (enter the month and year from #1.
- Revised “Mark the box that describes where you live;” to read “Check the box which best describes your living situation at that address.”
- Added the examples of hotel or motel for the option, “Room in a commercial establishment.”
- Revised the examples for Non-institution and Institution:
  - Non-institution - From (rest home, retirement home, foster home, or group home) to (placed by an agency in foster care, adult foster care, retirement home or family care.)
  - Institution – From (hospital, rehabilitation center, prison or school) to (nursing home, rehabilitation center, hospital, school or jail).
- Removed “Date you bean living there” from all living situations and added the collection of Institution name and admission date when Institution is selected.
- Removed “Mark the box that describes with whom you live. If you live in a foster home, group home or institution, or if you are transient or homeless, do not answer but explain in remarks.

**Justification #12:** We made these changes to simplify and reduce the information we collect with the application to only the information needed to identify potential eligibility in one month.

- **Change #13:** We made the following changes to the resource section:
  - Replaced “first moment of the month” with “Since the first day of the month” for collecting resources.
  - Removed the collection of business equipment, promissory note, loan, or property agreement, burial fund, burial space or related item.
  - Added explanations/examples to most resource types.
  - Replaced the collection of each vehicle’s value with the number of vehicles the claimant owns.
  - Removed the collection of co-ownership with others.
  - Removed the collection of details
  - Consolidated the selling, transfer and disposal of resource questions #23(a-b) to one question and removed the collection of information about each resource that was sold, transferred or disposed of.
  - Removed #24, “Do you give us permission to obtain any financial records from any financial institution?”

**Justification #13:** These changes align the resources collected with iClaim/iSSI with the paper form. Technicians will collect the information we removed when developing for payment (e.g., medical allowances) and is covered under the full application SSA-8000 OMB No. 0960-0229.

- **Change #14:** We made the following changes to the Income section (#25-26):
  - Changed the collection of income from a range of months (the first moment of the filing date month and the next three months), to one month (the month they entered in #1).
  - Replaced “List cash, checks, and direct payment to bank accounts you (our spouse/parents) received or expect to receive. Include income from wages, sick pay, self-employment, interest, social security, assistance based on need, VA, gifts, pensions, and any other type of income, “ with a specific list of income types (wages, self-employment, sick pay, pensions, annuity, retirement or disability, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and other income) that collects a yes or no response and the amount.
  - Removed the instructions, “Also note here if anyone pays any bills for you directly or give you money to pay them.”
  - Removed the collection of #26(a-b) “Does your spouse/parent pay court ordered child support?” and “Give the amount and frequency of payment.”

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- **Change #15:** We made the following changes for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
  - We added an introduction to SNAP that includes the URL address for obtaining more information about the SNAP.
  - We replaced “Are you currently receiving SNAP benefits (formally food stamps)?” with “Select your current SNAP status:” Currently receiving SNAP benefits, Filed within the past 60 days, and Never filed or filed more than 60 days in the past.”
  - We replaced “Have you received a favorable decision?” with “Have you received an unfavorable decision?” for individuals with a status of “Filed within the past 60 days.”
  - We moved the collection of SNAP to come after the collection of the applicant’s signature.

**Justification #15:** We moved the questions because they do not require a signature and made the modifications to the language to better align with how this information is collected in SSI Claims.

- **Change #16:** We made the following changes to the Medicaid questions (#28).
  - We revised the question, “Do you have any unpaid medical expenses for the 3 months prior to the filing date month?” to “Do you have any unpaid medical expenses for the 3 months before the date in item #1?” and moved it from the last question to the first question.
  - We revised the instructions, “In states with automatic assignment of rights laws, go to (b), to “Skip to (c) if you reside in one of the following states since they have automatic assignment rights laws: Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.”
  - We revised the question, “Do you, your spouse, parent or stepparent have any private, group, or governmental health insurance that pays the cost of your medical care? (Do not include Medicare or Medicaid) to read, “Is the cost of your medical care covered by health insurance or a third party other than Medicare or Medicaid?”
  - We added the question, “Do you agree to provide information regarding the third party responsible for your health expenses?”

**Justification #16:** We made the following changes for readability and to better align with how we collect this information in SSI Claims.

- **Change #17:** We updated the Privacy Act Statement.

**Justification #17:** Privacy and Disclosure revised the Privacy Act for readability.

SSA will make these revisions upon OMB’s approval. These revisions to the information collections affect the public reporting burden for this information collection. The updated

burden chart in #12 of the Supporting Statement shows the revised burden for the paper form due to these revisions.

### **iSSI/iClaim:**

SSA is not revising the iSSI/iClaim screens; however, we are moving them from under OMB No. 0960-0842 to this ICR (OMB No. 0960-0444), as they pertain to the SSA-8001, and should be approved under this ICR. We are not, yet, discontinuing the ICR for 0960-0842; however, we will no longer include the iSSI screens there.

We will submit a subsequent Change Request for 0960-0842 showing that we are removing the iSSI screens from that ICR and moving them here.

### **Terms of Clearance**

OMB placed the following Terms of Clearance on this Information Collection when they last approved it on 5/18/23:

- **Term #1: Provide a more-detailed narrative description of the experience of the information collection from the perspective of a respondent from the beginning to end of the submission experience. This should be consistent with the guidance in M-22-10.**

**SSA response:** We have updated #2 of the Supporting Statement to better show the respondents' experience from beginning to end. In addition, in ROCIS we also included the Journey Screens for the respondents who choose to submit the information collection via iSSI/iClaim.

- **Term #2: Clearly describe the common set of circumstances in which a respondent is asked to complete the SSA-8001 instead of the SSA-8000.**

**SSA response:** We added information about when this form would be needed as part of the description of information collection in #2 of the Supporting statement.

- **Term #3: Upload a supplemental document that discusses each question in the SSA-8001 and analyzes the statutory, regulatory, and programmatic basis for the question.**

**SSA response:** We worked through the analysis and programmatic requirements for each question on the SSA-8001-BK with OMB when we obtained approval for the streamlined iSSI screens under OMB No. 0960-0842 in November 2024. As we discussed this and analyzed the necessity of each question at that time, we are not including that documentation here. In addition, as per our further streamlining of the paper form (shown above), we took

OMB's suggestions for streamlining the paper version to allow respondents to complete it on their own.

## **Public Comments on the Information Collection**

### **60-Day Comment Period Federal Register Notice (FRN):**

The 60-day Comment Period began on March 23, 2026, and ended on May 22, 2026, at 11:59pm. We received one public comment on the 60-Day Comment Period FRN from 1 commenter. We acknowledge and appreciate the thoughtful feedback from the commenter, and we responded to the comments below:

### **Comment on the Application for Supplemental Security Income:**

- **Comment #1:** Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (CLS) opines that SSA's burden estimate of 15 minutes for completing the paper Form SSA-8001 is an underestimation. In CLS's experience, it is only possible for a claimant to complete this form in 15 minutes in ideal circumstances when the person was able to concentrate and remain free of distractions and if they had no income and resources to report on the form, and they benefit from being assisted by a representative. CLS further notes that for many claimants with memory and concentration impairments, this form takes more than 15 minutes to complete, even when representatives are helping the claimant complete the form. Without an advocate's help, CLS believes this form would take much longer than 15 minutes to complete. CLS notes that one of the obstacles relates to the form itself: while the questions seem straightforward to advocates who help people with the form frequently, for claimants, this form (even the deferred or abbreviated 8001 form) can be daunting and confusing with all the skip patterns and questions that can't always be answered with 100% accuracy given claimant's unique circumstances. Moreover, CLS opines that this estimate does not account for the time an unrepresented claimant spends getting the form to SSA, particularly if they are going to travel to SSA to drop it off.

**SSA Response #1:** SSA based the 15 minutes estimate usability testing we conducted in 2023 while developing the eligibility questions for the Simplified SSI online application, and subsequent testing of the revised, simplified paper form which we are implementing upon OMB's approval of this request (see the revisions listed above). In addition, as we continue to expand the universal benefit application (UBA) which will eventually replace the Internet claim (iClaim) system to include the SSI applications, we will conduct additional testing to re-evaluate the 15 minutes timeframe. In addition, we also note that we calculate the wait time and travel time burden estimates separately from the estimate for completing the form itself (please see #12 of the Supporting Statement for these additional burden estimates).

**30-Day Comment Period Federal Register Notice (FRN):**

The 30-day Comment Period began on May 22, 2026, and will end on June 22, 2026, at 11:59pm. We will review and respond to any public comments we receive during the 30-day comment period FRN. If we receive any comments in response to this Notice, we will forward them to OMB.