

## **Collection and Use of Information From Your Reinstatement Request—Privacy Act Notice**

The Social Security Administration is authorized to collect the information on this form under section 202(b), 202(c), 202(d), 202(e), 202(f), 205(a), 223, and 1872 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402(b), 402(c), 402(d), 402(e), 402(f), 405(a), 423, and 1395(ii)). While it is VOLUNTARY, except in the circumstances explained below, for you to furnish the information on this form to Social Security, no benefits may be paid unless a reinstatement request has been received by a Social Security office. Your response is mandatory where the refusal to disclose certain information affecting your right to payment would reflect a fraudulent intent to secure benefits not authorized by the Social Security Act. The information on this form is needed to enable Social Security to determine if you and your dependents are entitled to insurance coverage and/or monthly benefits. Failure to provide all or part of this information could prevent an accurate and timely decision on your request and could result in the loss of some benefits or insurance coverage. Although the information you furnish on this form is almost never used for any other purpose than stated in the foregoing, there is a possibility that information may be disclosed to another person or to another governmental agency as follows: 1. to enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage; and 2. to comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the General Accounting Office and the Department of Veterans Affairs).

We may also use the information you give us when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it.

**Explanations about these and other reasons why information you provide us may be used or given out are available in Social Security offices. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security office.**