

Reporting Responsibilities for Mother's or Father's Insurance Benefits

CHANGES TO BE REPORTED AND HOW TO REPORT FAILURE TO REPORT MAY RESULT IN OVERPAYMENTS THAT MUST BE REPAID, AND IN POSSIBLE MONETARY PENALTIES

- You change your mailing address for checks or residence.
(To avoid delay in receipt of checks you should **ALSO** file a regular change of address notice with your post office.)

- Your citizenship or immigration status changes.
- You go outside the U.S.A. for 30 consecutive days or longer.

- Any beneficiary dies or becomes unable to handle benefits.

- Work Changes - On your application you told us you expect total earnings for _____ to be \$ _____.

You (are) (are not) earning wages of more than \$ _____ a month.

You (are) (are not) self-employed rendering substantial services in your trade or business.

(Report AT ONCE if this work pattern changes)

- Change of Marital Status - Marriage, divorce, annulment of marriage. You must report marriage even if you believe that an exception applies.
- Custody Change or Disability Improves - Report if a person for whom you are filing, or who is in your care dies, leaves your care or custody, changes address, or, if disabled, the condition improves.
- You are confined to jail, prison, penal institution or correctional facility for more than 30 continuous days for conviction of a crime or you are confined for more than 30 continuous days to a public institution by court order in connection with a crime.
- You have an unsatisfied felony or arrest warrant for more than 30 continuous days for flight to avoid prosecution or confinement, escape from custody, or flight escape.

WORK AND EARNINGS

For those under full retirement age, the law requires that a report of earnings be filed with SSA within 3 months and 15 days after the end of any taxable year in which you earn more than the annual exempt amount. You may contact SSA to file a report. Otherwise, SSA will use the earnings reported by your employer(s) and your self-employment tax return (if applicable) as the report of earnings required by law and adjust benefits under the earnings test. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you give concerning your earnings is correct. You must furnish additional information as needed when your benefit adjustment is not correct based on the earnings on your record.

HOW TO REPORT

You can make your reports by telephone, mail, or in person, whichever you prefer.

If you are awarded benefits, and one or more of the above change(s) occur, you should report by:

- Calling us TOLL FREE at 1-800-772-1213;
- If you are deaf or hearing impaired, calling us TOLL FREE at TTY 1-800-325-0778; or
- Calling, visiting or writing your local Social Security office at the phone number and address shown on your claim receipt.

For general information about Social Security, visit our web site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

NOTICE ABOUT DOCUMENTS

We recommend that you keep all documents you submitted to us.

We are returning the documents you submitted with this claim.