

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT
Social Security Administration
January 2017
Regulatory Initiatives

Medical Listings Description

- The Listing of Impairments describes disorders for each of the major body systems we consider severe enough to prevent an individual from performing any gainful activity, regardless of age, education, or work experience.
- We update the listings to keep pace with medicine, science, technology, and the world of work. We are on a multi-year cycle to update each of our listings on an ongoing basis. During each cycle, we seek input from medical experts and other stakeholders to gather the most current information. By revising our listings, we ensure that our disability determinations reflect the most modern, up-to-date medical information available.
- We currently maintain listings for 15 body systems. Since 2004, we have comprehensively updated 14 of these body systems, representing approximately 93% of all listings.
- In 2017, we intend to update the Digestive Disorders listing, the last remaining listing requiring a comprehensive update. We will also explore the possibility of beginning the cycle again, on an as-needed basis, to update multiple body systems.
- This Progress Report no longer reflects those listings that we updated prior to the July 2016 Retrospective Review Progress Report and that we will not update again in the near future (Genitourinary Disorders; Growth Disorders and Weight Loss in Children; Hematological Disorders; Malignant Neoplastic Disorders). Similarly, we may remove from the July 2017 Retrospective Review Progress Report those listings included here that are not due for renewal in the near future.

Paperwork and Reporting Burden Reduction Initiatives

Agency	Title	Description of the Initiative	Expected Finalization	Statutory or Judicially Required	Reference (Statute or Judicial Identifier)	Initial Total Annualized Burden Hours	New Total Annualized Burden Hours	Change in Annualized Burden Hours
SSA	myWageReport	New Burden Reduction Initiative - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries receive payments based on their ability to engage in substantial gainful activity because of a physical or mental condition. SSA requires SSDI beneficiaries or their representative payees to report when beneficiaries return to work; when their amount of work increases; or when their earnings increase. Beginning at the end of FY 2017 into early FY 2018, SSA will make available to the public for the first time an online reporting option - myWageReport, a new Internet application that will enable SSDI beneficiaries and representative payees to report earnings information electronically SSA. It will also generate a receipt for the beneficiary or representative payee, thus	9/30/2018	Statutory Deadline	BBA 826		6,300	6,300

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		<p>providing confirmation that SSA received the earnings report.</p> <p>SSA will screen the information submitted through the myWageReport application and will determine if we need additional employment information. If so, agency personnel will reach out to beneficiaries or their representative payees, and will use Form SSA-821, Work Activity Report, (we do not account for that burden here, as we already account for it under 0960-0059), to collect the additional required information.</p> <p>Note: Because we are clearing myWageReport under its own new OMB number, this chart makes it seem as if it is adding to the public reporting burden. In fact, because myWageReporting will replace existing paper/phone/in-person reporting methods that are cleared</p>						

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		<p>under a different OMB number, this initiative is estimated to effect a burden reduction of 29,700 burden hours in its first year post-rollout. This figure only represents burden savings for the first year of implementation (FY 2018). See entry below for the burden reduction resulting from myWageReporting. We expect more burden savings will accrue as use of myWageReporting increases in future years.</p>						

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SSA	Letter to Employer Requesting Information About Wages Earned by Beneficiary	<p>NOTE: <u>New Burden Reduction Initiative</u> - This item reflects the public reporting burden savings from myWageReport (0960-0807). See above entry for details.</p> <p>Social Security disability beneficiaries receive payments based on their inability to engage in substantial gainful activity (SGA), because of a physical or mental condition. If beneficiaries or claimants work, SSA evaluates and determines if they meet the disability requirements of the law. Respondents to this collection currently use paper/phone/in-person field office methods of providing earnings information to SSA. With the implementation of myWageReport (0960-NEW; see above), we anticipate many respondents will move away from this collection, using the less time-consuming myWageReport and reducing the public reporting burden. The burden savings</p>	9/30/2018	N/A	N/A	36,000	6,300	-29,700

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		reported are for the first full year of implementation, FY 2018. We anticipate future burden savings will accrue in the future.						
SSA	Data Exchange Request	<u>New Burden Reduction Initiative</u> - SSA created form SSA-157, the Data Exchange Request Form, to take the place of all the collection instruments we previously used to complete data exchange requests. The SSA-157 requests the basic information we need to complete data exchanges, and replaced the much more lengthy processes we	9/30/2018	N/A	N/A	110	20	-90

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		used previously. After we implemented form SSA-157, we began the discontinuation process for the older, more time-consuming data exchange information collections, including those under OMB No. 0960-0701 and 0960-0754.						
SSA	Statement for Employer and Annual Wage Reporting (Implementation of our Mobile Application)	<p><u>Continuing Burden Reduction Initiative</u> – When Social Security Number (SSN) holders allege they have earned wages, but these wages do not appear in SSA’s record of earnings and the worker has no evidence to support that the wages were earned, SSA asks employers to complete form SSA-7011-F4 (OMB No. 0960-0030, Employer Statement Forms). Employers can use this form to provide evidence that the SSN holder did earn wages.</p> <p>In the past few years, SSA added a new mobile application for our Annual Wage Reporting process (under a different ICR, OMB No.</p>	9/30/2018	N/A	N/A	196,000	25,367	-170,633

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		0960-0715) and expanded its use. The Wage Reporting mobile application increased the speed at which SSA posts earnings, and improved our ability to quickly recognize and correct errors in employer reports. As a result, fewer employers were required to use form SSA-7011. Due to the lower incidence of erroneous postings on SSA's earnings records and the decreased use of these forms, we continue to realize burden savings from this initiative as more people move to the mobile application away from this collection.						
SSA	Internet SSN Replacement Card (iSSNRC) Application	<u>Continuing Burden Reduction</u> - In November 2015, SSA introduced iSSNRC (Internet Social Security Number Replacement Cards, OMB No. 0960-0066), a new online tool that allowed some members of the public to apply online for a replacement SSN card rather than completing a paper form or visiting an SSA field	9/30/2020	N/A	N/A	212,500	125,000	-87,500

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		<p>office. The decrease in response time and the elimination of the need for a field office visit have achieved significant burden reduction savings to date (as reported in past Information Collection Budgets and Retrospective Reports).</p> <p>The burden reduction reported in this ICB is for FY 2017 to the first half of FY 2018. As we make iSSNRC available in further states, we anticipate increasing the burden savings to the public. We anticipate that all 50 states will participate in iSSRNC by FY 2020.</p>						
SSA	Authorization to Disclose Information to the Social Security Administration; eAuthorization	<p><u>Continuing Burden Reduction Initiative</u> – eAuthorization allows the public to electronically grant SSA the authority to obtain information needed as part of the disability evaluation process instead of submitting a separate paper form (SSA-827) to do so. We continue to expand</p>	9/30/2018	N/A	N/A	698,212	628,391	-69,821

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		eAuthorization to include new categories of users and transactions. In this fiscal year, we are expanding it to including third parties. This will allow parties such as parents and guardians of claimants to electronically grant authorization when they electronically sign applications on behalf of claimants, greatly improving ease and efficiency, and reducing public reporting burden (since these third parties no longer need to use the paper Form SSA-827).						
Totals								-357,744