SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

601 Officer; Food and Drug Administration, Columbus, OH 43213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ADDRESS:

SUMMARY:

ACTION:

10(a)(1) and (2) of the Federal Advisory between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This notice is issued under section 10(a)(1) and (2) of the Federal Advisory

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Ronald G. Chesmore,
Acting Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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Consumer Participation; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following consumer exchange meeting:

Cincinnati District Office, chaired by James C. Simmons, District Director.

The topic to be discussed is proposed Labeling Regulations for Cholesterol.

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 1987, 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESS: 85 Marconi Blvd., Rm. 446, Columbus, OH 43213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth E. Weisheit, Consumer Affairs Officer; Food and Drug Administration, 601 Rockwell Ave., Rm. 463, Cleveland, OH 44114, 216-522-4044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to encourage dialogue between consumers and FDA officials, to identify and set priorities for current and future health concerns, to enhance relationships between local consumers and FDA’s District Offices, and to contribute to the agency’s policymaking decisions on vital issues.


Ronald G. Chesmore,
Acting Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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Social Security Administration

Privacy Act of 1974; Report of New Routine Use and Minor Revisions

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: New routine use and minor revisions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to establish a new routine use of information maintained in the system of records, Black Lung Program (BLPS), Washington, DC, SSA-2000 (63 FR 60983, Oct. 12, 1998). The proposed routine use will provide the SSA Privacy Officer, Room L1140, West Low Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, with information on the status and name of individuals applying for, or receiving, Black Lung benefits. It will also provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed routine use.

DATES: The proposed routine use will become effective as proposed without further notice on April 24, 1987, unless we receive comments on or before that date which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this proposal by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Room L1140, West Low Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, all comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Joan Burgess, Chief, Disability Systems Branch, Office of Claims and Payment Requirements, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, telephone (Area code 301) 594-6818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose and Background of the Proposed Routine Use

The Black Lung Payment System (BLPS) contains information pertaining to claims for BL benefits payable under provisions of the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA) which SSA is responsible for administering. This information is used primarily to determine the individual’s eligibility for, and the amount of, BL benefits. In the administration of the BLBA, we find that it is not always administratively feasible or cost effective to do certain operations “in-house.” In such instances, we may use the services of State WC agencies or private WC carriers (or agents on their behalf) pursuant to an agreement to assist in performing various agency functions.

The purpose of this publication is to announce our plans to establish a routine use which would permit us to disclose information to State WC agencies or private WC carriers (or agents on their behalf) as necessary, to assist in accomplishing agency functions relating to the BL program. For example, we may employ a WC agency or carrier to perform a matching operation which will compare identifying information in the WC agency or carrier records with identifying information in the BLPS for the purpose of determining an individual’s eligibility for, or amount of, BL benefits. To perform this operation, it would be necessary to provide the WC agency or carrier a minimum of the beneficiary’s name and Social Security number.

The proposed routine use provides for the following disclosure:

Information may be disclosed to State WC agencies or private WC carriers (or agents on their behalf) for the purpose of the efficient administration of the BL program. We contemplate disclosing information under this routine use only in situations in which SSA enters into a signed agreement with a State WC agency or private WC carrier to assist in accomplishing an agency function relating to the Black Lung Payment System.

II. Compatibility of the Proposed Routine Use

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(7) and 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)) and our disclosure regulation (20 CFR Part 401) both permit us to disclose information under a routine use for purposes which are compatible with the purpose for which we collect the information.

Section 401.310 of the regulation permits us to disclose information under a routine use for the purpose of administering our programs or administering similar income-maintenance of health-maintenance programs of other agencies. We will disclose information under the proposed routine use only as necessary to assist in administering the BL benefits program. Thus, the routine use is appropriate and consistent with the criteria in the Privacy Act and the regulation.

III. Effect of the Proposed Routine Use on Individual Rights

A minimum amount of information will be disclosed to State WC agencies or private WC carriers under the proposed routine use, as necessary, to determine an individual’s eligibility for, or amount of, BL benefits.
The information we will obtain will assist us in paying the correct amount of BL benefits to individuals who are entitled to the payments. Further, agreements with WC agencies or carriers will explain and delineate Privacy Act requirements and the agencies’ or carriers’ responsibilities with respect to information they receive from SSA. Consequently, we do not anticipate that disclosure under the proposed routine use would result in any unwarranted adverse effect on the rights of individuals.

IV. Minor Revisions to the Federal Register Notice of the BLPS

Since a notice of the BLPS last was published in the Federal Register at 51 FR 6040, February 1986, we have made the following minor revisions to the notice:

(1) After initially using the term “Black Lung benefits” in the “Categories of individuals covered by the system” section of the notice, we have inserted “BL benefits” in that and subsequent sections of the notice where reference was made to “Black Lung benefits”; and

(2) We have added language to the “Notification procedure” section of the notice which specifies the documentation an individual must furnish to establish identity when requesting notification of, or access to, his/her records.


Dorcas N. Hardy,
Commissioner of Social Security

SYSTEM NAME:
Black Lung Payment System, HHS/SSA/OSR.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:
None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:
Social Security Administration Office of System Operations, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
All Black Lung beneficiaries currently entitled to receive a Black Lung (BL) benefit and beneficiaries terminated because of a termination event as defined in the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
This system consists of two files, a Payment Master Record and a Benefit Master Record which are matched once a month.

The Payment Master Record reflects the Social Security number (SSN) and the payment identification code under which BL benefits are awarded and payment data such as the monthly payment amount; the scheduled payment amount; offset information: the number of beneficiaries on the account as well as the number of beneficiaries in the payment; the month of accrual; the month of debit; credit information; future month of adjustment diary dates; cross-reference information: payee name and address information, direct deposit data, and statistical information.

The Benefit Master Record contains a benefit record for each beneficiary on the account and includes the SSN; the payment and benefit identification codes; the payment status; the monthly benefit amount; the beneficiary’s name; type of benefit; date of birth; race; sex; offset information; credit information; date of filing; date of entitlement; representative payee information, and statistical information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
Sections 413 and 415 of the BLBA (30 U.S.C. 923 and 925).

PURPOSE(S):
The data in this system are used by Social Security employees for responding to inquiries; computer exception processing; conversion of benefits; end of the month reconciliations; statistical studies; to generate payment tapes for Treasury; and for exchange with Department of Labor to administering provisions of the BLBA.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
Disclosure may be made for routine uses as indicated below:

1. To a congressional office in response to an inquiry from that office made at the request of the subject of a record.
2. To the Department of Justice in the event of litigation where the defendant is:
   (a) The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), any component of HHS or any employee of HHS in his/her official capacity;
   (b) The United States where HHS determines that the claim, if successful, is likely to directly affect the operations of HHS or any of its components; or
   (c) Any HHS employee is his/her individual capacity where the Justice Department has agreed to represent such employee.
   HHS may disclose such records as it deems desirable or necessary to Justice to enable that department or present an effective defense, provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.
3. To the Office of the President for the purpose of responding to an individual pursuant to an inquiry from that individual or from a third party on his/her behalf.
4. Upon request, information on the identity and location of aliens may be disclosed to the Department of Justice (Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations) for the purpose of detecting, investigating, and where appropriate, taking legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals in the United States.
5. To third party contacts (including private collection agencies under contract with the Social Security Administration (SSA)) for the purpose of their assisting SSA in recovering overpayments.
6. To the Department of the Treasury of issue BL checks.
7. To the Department of Labor for administering provisions of the BLBA.
8. Information may be disclosed to contractors and other Federal agencies as necessary, for the purpose of assisting SSA in the efficient administration of its programs. We contemplate disclosing information under this routine use only in situations in which SSA may enter into a contractual or similar agreement with a third party to assist in accomplishing an agency function relating to this system of records.
9. Nontax return information which is not restricted from disclosure by Federal law may be disclosed to the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration for the purpose of conducting records management studies with respect to their duties and responsibilities under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906, as amended by the National Archives and Records Administration Act of 1984.
10. Upon request, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3006 information may be disclosed to the Veterans Administration (VA) for the purpose of determining eligibility for or amount of VA benefits or verifying other information with respect to VA pension and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefit programs.
11. Information may be disclosed to State WC agencies or private WC carriers (or agents on their behalf) for the purpose of the efficient
administration of the B1 program. We contemplate disclosing information under this routine use only in situations in which SSA enters into a signed agreement with a State WC agency or private WC carrier to assist in accomplishing an agency function relating to the Black Lung Payment System.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:
Records are stored in magnetic media (e.g., magnetic tape), disc, microfiche, and in paper form.

RETRIEVABILITY:
Records in this system are retrieved by SSN.

SAFEGUARDS:
Safeguards for automated records have been established in accordance with the HHS Automated Data Processing (ADP) Manual, “Part 6, ADP System Security.” This includes storing the records in secured areas with armed security guards. Anyone entering or leaving the areas must have a special badge issued only to authorized personnel. The records are available to employees only in the performance of their official duties. Paper records are maintained in areas with limited access and offices are locked after business hours.

All employees of SSA are periodically briefed on Privacy Act requirements and SSA confidentiality rules, including the criminal sanctions for unauthorized disclosure of or access to personal records. (See 47 45671, October 13, 1982, Appendix I for additional information relating to safeguards SSA employs to protect personal information.)

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:
Magnetic tape records are retained for up to 90 days after which they are erased and returned to stock. Paper records are destroyed by shredding after use or disposed of through contractual arrangements with trash collectors. Paper records needed for documentation of the claims folder are retained indefinitely in SSA facilities or in Federal Records Centers. All master records are retained on magnetic disc for on-line query purposes. The query files are updated daily. Microfiche records are disposed of by shredding or the application of heat after periodic replacement of a complete file.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:
Director, Office of Claims and Payment Requirements, Office of Systems Requirements, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21225.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:
An individual can determine if this system contains a record about him/her by contacting the system manager at the address shown above and providing his/her name, SSN, approximate date and place claim was filed, type of claim and return address. Furnishing the SSN is voluntary, but it will make searching for an individual's record easier and avoid delay. These procedures are in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR part 5b.

An individual requesting notification of records in person need not furnish any special documents of identity. It is expected that documents he/she would normally carry on his/her person would be sufficient (e.g., credit cards, driver's license, or voter registration card). An individual requesting notification of records via mail or telephone must furnish his/her name, date of birth and address in order to establish identity, plus any additional information which is specified in this section or the Record access procedures section below.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:
Same as notification procedures above. Also, requesters should reasonably specify the record contents they are seeking. These procedures are in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR Part 5b.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
Same as notification procedures above. Also, requesters should reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR Part 5b.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Information in this system is prepared from Black Lung claims folders which are maintained in the system of records 00--00--0009--Claim Folders.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:
None.

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