

Title: Why wait in line, when you can go online?

Dear Colleague:

Social Security is with you through life's journey. Over the years, we have invested in technology that lets the public access many of our services online and save a trip to their local Social Security office. Today, we want to remind your members that if they ever have to present proof of income or benefits — or even show that they are *not* receiving benefits — it's easy to get a benefit verification letter online.

Your organization's members and clients can get a benefit verification letter instantly with a *my* Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. It only takes a few minutes to create an account.

The most common reason for needing a benefit verification letter is for proof of income when applying for a *loan or mortgage*. However, your members may also need a benefit verification letter as proof of:

- Income for assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- Retirement status;
- Disability;
- Age; or
- A pending benefits application with Social Security.

Please help us tell the public about this time-saving online service by sharing the resources available on our new Benefit Verification Materials For Groups and Organizations webpage.

Thank you so much for everything you do to help Social Security secure today and tomorrow!

Sincerely,

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