

A More Effective and Efficient Way to Help your clients with *my Social Security*

Social work is never easy, but its rewards are vast. As a Social Worker, you have dedicated your career to helping and healing the most vulnerable Americans. You empower others, making them more independent and successful. It's a tough job, we know. Social Security has a simple way to make your life and the lives of others easier and more efficient — this is one simple, yet powerful way you can help.

A benefit verification letter can be used to prove income or benefits if someone is applying for a loan or mortgage, needs housing assistance or other state or local benefits, or needs to prove retirement or disability status, Medicare health insurance coverage or age to a third party. People sometimes call the benefit verification letter a "budget letter," a "benefits letter," a "proof of income letter" or a "proof of award letter."

Anyone can instantly obtain and print their benefit verification letter by taking a few minutes to create an online *my Social Security* at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/.

A personal *my Social Security* account is an easy, convenient, and secure solution for many of your customer's needs. You can help your client open an account. It only takes a few minutes. There is no need for your client to visit a Social Security field office.

Helping your most vulnerable clients increase the quality of their lives is one of the most valuable gifts you can give. We, like you, are proud to be part of a profession that makes a real difference for so many. Managing your own information has never been easier at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/.

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A More Effective and Efficient Way to Access Social Security Benefit Letters

Social Security is constantly evolving to make doing business with us easier. If your client is currently receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is reapplying for benefits, or is assisting someone with their application, a trip to a Social Security office is probably not necessary — even if verification of Social Security benefits is needed.

Because of a data exchange established between Social Security and HUD, most people do not need to contact Social Security for a benefit verification letter. HUD administrators processing a Recertification Application for Housing Assistance can use their Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System to verify Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Public housing agencies, private owners, and management agents who run HUD rental assistance programs may get registration information about EIV by logging onto the [HUD portal](#) or visiting www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/eiv/eivhome.cfm.

If your client is a new applicant for housing assistance, they can provide their HUD administrator with their Social Security award letter, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) notice, SSA-1099, or other Social Security benefit document.

Your clients can also get an instant benefit verification letter online with a *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/.

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A More Effective and Efficient Way to Access Social Security Benefit Letters

There is no need to visit a Social Security field office to get a Benefit Verification Letter. The fastest, easiest, most convenient way to get a benefit verification letter is to go online and open a *my Social Security* account. It only takes a few minutes.

Sometimes people call the benefit verification letter a "budget letter," a "benefits letter," a "proof of income letter" or a "proof of award letter. "Don't let the different titles confuse you; they are all the same thing.

You can use your Benefit Verification letter as proof of:

- Income if applying for a loan or mortgage;
- income for assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- retirement status;
- disability; and/or
- age.

You can also get a benefit verification letter stating that you never received benefits, received benefits in the past, or a letter stating that you applied for benefits, but your claim hasn't been approved yet. If you're currently receiving benefits, you can use your *my Social Security* account to get a letter stating you receive benefits, and to check your benefit and payment information.

With a secure *my Social Security* account, you also can keep track of your earnings and verify them every year, get an estimate of your future benefits if you are still working, and get a letter with proof of your benefits, if you currently receive them.

You can also manage your benefits with features like changing your address, starting or changing your direct deposit, getting a replacement Medicare card, and getting a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

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A More Effective and Efficient Way to Help with *my Social Security*

As someone who helps the less fortunate, you have dedicated your career to make other's lives fair and equal. Providing heating and cooling assistance is more than just making people comfortable — it greatly improves the quality of life for some of our most vulnerable citizens. Social Security has a simple way to make your life and the lives of others easier and more efficient.

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