

Information for Advocates, Social Service Agencies, and Other Third Parties The Fastest Way to Verify Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Benefits

If your clients need proof of their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits, let them know that they can get a benefit verification letter online instantly through a *my* Social Security account.

You can serve your clients faster because they no longer have to wait for a letter to be mailed to them. They can get the up-to-date information they need online, perhaps even from a computer in your office.

With *my* Social Security those who receive benefits can easily view, print, or save an official letter that includes proof of their:

- Benefit amount and type;
- Medicare start date and withholding amount; and
- Age.

Please encourage your clients to go online for a benefit verification letter. Let them know they can skip a trip to a field office by getting an instant letter online with a personal *my* Social Security account. They may also continue to call us toll-free to request a letter by mail. We are asking agencies and other organizations to assist our mutual customers by sending clients to *www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount*.

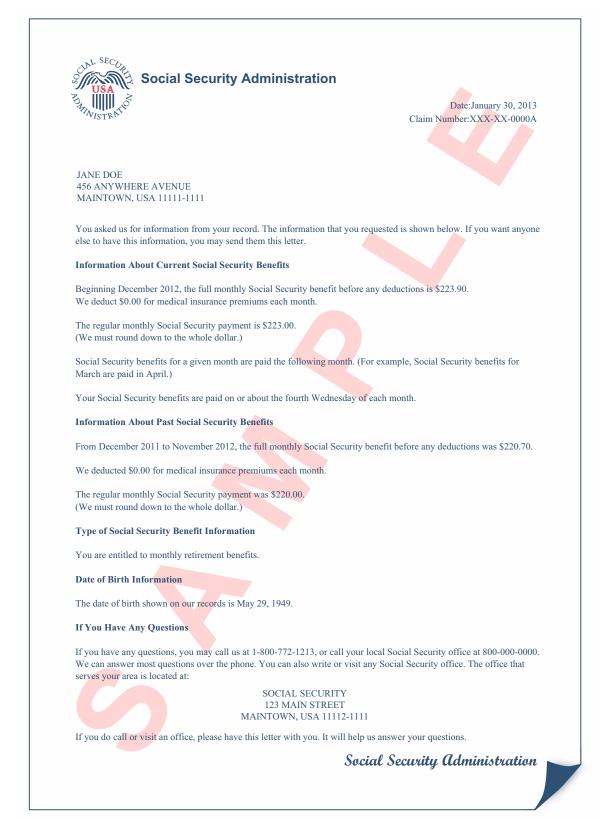
The fact sheet, *How to Create an Online Account* (Publication No. 05-10540), provides step-by-step instructions and explains how to get a benefit verification letter.

If your clients are unable to go online, they can call our toll-free number, **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**).

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Sample Online Benefit Verification Letter





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