Social Security Administration Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance Supplemental Security Income

Date:

Claim Number: _ _ _

Social Security Number:

Worker's Name:

Dear Sir or Madam: We are writing to you about . Please assist us by completing the enclosed questionnaire. We are requesting this information in order to determine whether work activity is/was subsidized or was an unsuccessful work attempt under the Social Security rules. The information you provide will not be shared with other agencies and is in no way a negative reflection on the employee, or you as the employer.

Information About Subsidy

A subsidy exists when an employer willingly pays more in wages than the value of the actual services performed. This is usually for humanitarian reasons. A subsidy can be reflected by giving the employee:

- extra assistance,
- full wages for lower quality or quantity than standard, or
- fewer and/or easier duties than usual for that position.

Information about Unsuccessful Work Attempt

An unsuccessful work attempt may exist if the employee had frequent absences, performed unsatisfactorily, and worked for six months or less.

What We Need You To Do

Please have direct supervisor or another person having direct knowledge of the employee's work activity complete the work activity questionnaire. We would appreciate it if you would complete, sign and return the questionnaire to this office within 7 days using the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions, or if you would rather provide this information over the telephone, please call () - and ask for.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Manager/Adjudicator Name Position Title

Enclosure: Work Activity Questionnaire

Privacy Act Statement Collection and Use of Personal Information

Sections 201, 223(d)(4), 1612(b)(4) and 1614(a)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act as amended, [42 U.S.C. 401, 423(d)(4), 1382a(b)(4) and 1382c(a)(3)(D)] authorize us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide to help us in determining if your employee or former employee's work activity is/was subsidized or was an unsuccessful work attempt under the Social Security rules. The information you provide on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide all or part of the requested information may prevent us from making an accurate and timely decision concerning this person's entitlement to benefit payments.

We rarely use the information you provide on this form for any purpose other than for the reasons explained above. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits or coverage;
- 2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records to other agencies.
- 3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and
- 4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching agencies can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in our Systems of Records Notices entitled, Claims Folder System, 60-0089 and Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits, 60-0103. The notices, additional information regarding this form, and information regarding our system and programs, are available on-line at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u> or at any local Social Security office.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by Section 2 of the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 15 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. The office is listed under U. S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Send <u>only</u> comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.**

WORK ACTIVITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Business Name:		
Job Title:		
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Date Work Started	Date Work Stopped	
	Section 1	
		Yes
2. Is the employee able to complete all of the job duties without special assistance?		Yes No
3 Does the employee regularly report for work as scheduled?		☐ Yes ☐ No
4. On average, does the employee complete his/her work in the same amount of time as employees in similar positions?		
 Please indicate the type(s) of special assistance, if any, the employee receives on the job that is not regularly given to other employees. (Check all that apply) 		
 Fewer or easier duties Irregular hours Special transportation Less hours More breaks/rest period 	 Frequent absences Lower production standards Extra help/supervision Lower quality standards Special equipment 	

6. Based on the information above, approximately how would you rate the productivity of the employee compared to other employees in similar positions and similar pay rates?

50% or less of other employees' productivity 60% of other employees' productivity 70% of other employees' productivity 80% of other employees' productivity 90% of other employees' productivity 100% of other employees' productivity

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7. Are you paying the employee more per hour than you would another employee in a similar position?

Yes
No

If Yes, what would you pay another employee in a similar position per hour?

Section 2

Unsuccessful Work Attempt

1. Was the person frequently absent from work? Yes No 2. Did the person do the work under special conditions Yes such as with extra help/supervision, fewer/easier No duties, frequent rest periods, or lower production? Yes 3. Was the person's work satisfactory when compared to another employee who worked in a similar position? No Section 3 (Signature and Title) (Date) () -(Telephone Number)