Notice of Planned Action

Date: April 10, 2007

Claim Number: 777-77-777 AI

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Type of Eligibility: Individual--Age 65 or Older

We are writing to tell you about changes in your Supplemental Security Income payments. The following chart shows the SSI money due you for the months we changed. As you can see from the chart, we are only changing your payments for future months. The rest of this letter will tell you more about this change.

Your Payments Will Be Changed As Follows:

From Through Due Each Month

May 1, 2007 Continuing \$0.00

Why Your Payments Are Stopping

The check we sent you for March 2007 was returned to the U.S. Treasury Department. We will not send you any more checks until you get in touch with your local Social Security Office.

Information About Your Payments

We will be in touch with you about your back payments.

Information About Medicaid

For information about any change in your Medicaid eligibility caused by this action, you should get in touch with the county welfare department.

New Ways To Receive Your Payment

Getting your payment on time every month is important to you and to us. That is why we want to remind you that Direct Deposit or other electronic methods of receiving your payment may be a more reliable, convenient and safer choice for you.

All federal agencies are now working to make most payments by direct deposit or other electronic methods. These modern methods of payment help us to operate more efficiently and to provide better service to you.

We encourage you to join the millions of Americans who currently receive their federal payments in new, more convenient ways.

Here are some choices:

Direct Deposit

You can receive your payment by Direct Deposit through the bank, credit union, savings and loan or thrift institution of your choice. Many financial institutions offer low-cost accounts for people with direct deposit. So, if you don't have an account, consider opening one now and getting your payment by direct deposit.

Electronic Transfer Account (ETA)

You can receive your payment by ETA. The ETA is a new low-cost account available at many banks, savings and loans, and credit unions. You can open an ETA, even if you have been unable to qualify for a checking or savings account in the past. Like Direct Deposit, ETA is a safe, convenient and reliable way to automatically receive your payment. And with ETA you pay a low \$3.00 monthly fee, or less.

How You Sign Up

- For Direct Deposit, just contact your financial institution or Social Security. Please be sure to have your bank statement or personal check handy, as well as your Social Security number. You will need information from these documents to sign up for direct deposit.
- For ETA, just call 1-888-382-3311 to locate the ETA bank, savings and loan, or credit union nearest you. Or, visit the ETA website www.eta-find.gov on the Internet.

You Can Review The Information in Your Case

The decisions in this letter are based on the law. You have a right to review and get copies of the information in our records that we used to make the decisions explained in this letter. You also have a right to review and copy the laws, regulations and policy statements used in deciding your case. To do so, please contact us. Our telephone number and address are shown under the heading "If You Have Any Questions."

Things To Remember

- This decision refers only to your claim for Supplemental Security Income payments.
- If you think you may be eligible for SSI again, please contact us. If you do not contact us before May 2008, you may have to file a new application. If you have to file a new application, the earliest month for which we can pay you is the month after you file.

If You Disagree With The Decision

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. We will review your case and consider any new facts you have.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- To appeal, you must fill out a form called "Request for Reconsideration." The form number is SSA-561. To get this form, contact one of our offices. We can help you fill out the form.

Appeal In 10 Days To Keep Getting The Same Check

If you appeal within 10 days, you will continue to get the same check amount until we decide your case.

- The 10 days start the day after you get this letter.
- If you lose your appeal, you $\underline{\mathrm{might}}$ have to pay back some or all of this money.

However, even if you appeal in 10 days, we may stop the check in May 2007 as shown on page 1 if both of the following are true:

Our new decision is the same as the one appealed,

<u>And</u>

• We send or give you a letter with our new decision in time to stop the check.

How To Appeal

There are three ways to appeal. You can pick the one you want. If you meet with us in person, it may help us decide your case.

- <u>Case Review.</u> You have a right to review the facts in your file. You can give us more facts to add to your file. Then we'll decide your case again. You won't meet with the person who decides your case.
- <u>Informal Conference.</u> You'll meet with the person who decides your case. You can tell that person why you think you're right. You can give us more facts to help prove you're right. You can bring other people to help explain your case.
- Formal Conference. This is a meeting like an informal conference. The difference is we can make people come to help prove you're right. We can make them bring important papers about your case, even if they don't want to help you. You can question these people at your meeting.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a friend, lawyer or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also lawyers who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it.

If You Have Any Questions

For general information about SSI, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. You will find the law and regulations about SSI eligibility and SSI payment amounts at your.

For general questions about SSI or specific questions about 1-800-772-1213 case, you may call us toll-free at, or call your local Social Security office at 415-556-4043 The office that serves your area is located at:. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. We can answer most questions over the SSHONE. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. SOCIAL

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If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

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