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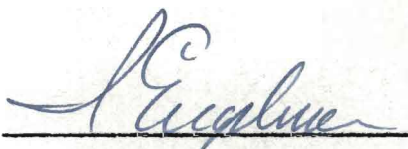
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BUREAU OF ASSISTANCE

REGULATION # Municipal Aid 4.600ISSUED: _____
(Date)REV.: 11/26/56
(Date)TITLE: OTHER AGENCIESSUBJECT: Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability BenefitsSTATUTORY REFERENCE: R.S. 14:2-108

Attached is revised regulation M.A. 4.600 replacing M.A. 4.600, issued undated.

Also revised Form GA-20 previously issued as an Attachment to M.A. 4.600A
(Disability Freeze) 4/12/55.

, Chief
Bureau of Assistance

Approved:

By: 



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

TRENTON 8

BUREAU OF ASSISTANCE
148 WEST STATE STREET

November 26, 1956

TO: MUNICIPAL WELFARE DIRECTORS

RE: Regulation 4.600, Old Age and Survivors Insurance
and Disability Benefits

Attached is revised Regulation 4.600. Additional copies for staff will be forwarded under separate cover where appropriate.

Also attached is a copy of Form GA-20, revised. This replaces Form GA-20 previously issued as an attachment to M.A. 4.600A (Disability Freeze) 4/12/55.

Please destroy 4.600 issued without date, and the previous Form GA-20, sample form. Do not destroy 4.600A issued 4.12/55 entitled, Clearance with Old Age and Survivors Insurance to Determine Eligibility for "Disability Freeze" of General Assistance Clients.

The 1956 amendments to the Federal Social Security Act contain four important major provisions affecting the social insurance program of which staffs of all public assistance agencies should be aware.

First, many new groups of workers and self-employed persons have been brought under coverage of the OASI program. In the future it may be assumed that practically all workers are paying social insurance and that they and their dependents may be eligible for benefits under specified conditions.

Second, the age limit for eligibility of women has been reduced from 65 to 62, whether they are themselves insured workers, or dependents or survivors of insured workers. This provision is effective November 1956.

Third, the law now provides that children of retired or deceased insured workers, who have been permanently and totally mentally or physically disabled since before age 18, are eligible to receive, or to continue to receive benefits. This new provision should be of particular significance in relation to mentally deficient children over 18 whose retired or deceased father or mother was in covered employment. This provision is effective January 1957.

Fourth, and very significant for public assistance agencies, is the new provision establishing "Disability Insurance Benefits" payable to insured workers between the ages of 50 and 65 under certain conditions. The amount of the benefit to persons who qualify will be the same as the primary insurance amount would be if the worker were entitled to old-age insurance benefits. However, in this program, benefits are not provided for dependents of the disabled worker. This provision is effective July 1957.

To Municipal Welfare Directors
Re Regulation 4.600, Old Age and Survivors Insurance
and Disability Benefits, page #2

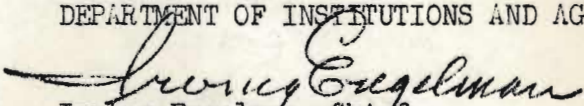
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You are urged to obtain the series of information pamphlets explaining these new provisions from the District Office of the Social Security Administration serving your area, and to review General Assistance cases on a continuing basis in respect to the possible eligibility of clients for any of the benefits now available, or which will be available in the near future.

If you have questions about M.A. 4.600, revised, please consult your field representative or this office.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES


Irving Engelman, Chief
Bureau of Assistance

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Approved
Elmer V. Andrews, Director
Division of Welfare

State of New Jersey
Department of Institutions and Agencies
Division of Welfare-Bureau of Assistance

4.600
Rev. 11/26/56

TITLE: OTHER AGENCIES

SUBJECT: OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS

A. General Statement

The Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance of the Social Security Administration administers the Federal program of benefit payments to elderly insured wage earners and to self-employed persons who have retired, to certain of their dependents, and to the surviving dependents of deceased insured wage earners and self-employed persons. Under the 1956 amendments to the law totally and permanently disabled workers between the ages of 50 and 65 will also become eligible for benefits, as will mentally or physically disabled children who became disabled before age 18 and who are children of deceased insured workers or of living retired workers entitled to benefits.

There have been other important changes in the law and new groups of workers brought under coverage. In effect, practically all workers and self-employed persons, now including military service men, will be covered under social security regulations. Likewise, under the Railroad Retirement Act Amendments of 1951, railroad employment is jointly covered by the two programs, and provisions outlining the interrelationships have been established.

Helpful information may be obtained from a series of pamphlets, copies of which may be secured from any district office of the Social Security Administration.

B. Persons Entitled to Benefits

Those who may receive benefits are:

1. Retired worker, or self-employed person, aged 65 or over for men, and age 62 or over for women as of 11/1/56. (Women retiring before age 65 will have a lifetime reduction in their benefit on a sliding scale according to point of application between 62 and 65 years.)
2. Totally and permanently disabled workers age 50 to 64 (applicant must have worked in covered employment 5 years in 10 before the established beginning date of disability and 1 1/2 years in 3 years before that, and have been disabled at least 6 months and with the disability expected to continue indefinitely.) Benefits are not provided for dependents of disabled workers.

Note: This differs from the "Disability Freeze Provision" - [see 4.600A] and also should not be confused with public assistance for totally and permanently disabled persons known in New Jersey as Disability Assistance. This new provision in effect extends OASI benefits to persons between 50 and 64 who become disabled for further work prior to age 65 and retirement.

3. The wife of a retired worker if she is age 62 or over. (Wives claiming benefits between age 62 and 65 will have a lifetime reduction of benefits as above.)

4. The husband of a retired woman entitled to benefits provided he is 65 or older and was dependent upon his wife at the time she became eligible for benefits.

5. The widow aged 62 or over, or dependent widower age 65 or over, of a deceased worker. (Widows claiming benefits between age 62 and 65 will receive the full amount of benefits regardless of age.)

6. Children (under age 18, or regardless of age if totally and permanently disabled since before age 18) either of a retired worker or a deceased worker.

7. The mother of eligible children of a deceased worker (the worker's widow, or in some cases his divorced wife) regardless of her age if the eligible child or children are in her care.

8. The parents (mother age 62 or over and father age 65 or over) of a deceased worker, who were dependent on the worker at the time of his death, provided there is no surviving widow, widower, or child who would be eligible for benefits.

C. Effective Dates

Under the new provision of the Act the disability benefits to persons between 50 and 64 are first payable for July 1957; benefits for women between the ages of 62 and 65 are first payable for November 1956; and benefits for disabled children age 18 or over are first payable for January 1957.

D. Suspension of Benefits

The law provides that a beneficiary, whether a wage earner or self-employed may earn as much as \$1200 a year without any suspension of benefits, but should earnings exceed \$1200 per year, some benefits will be withdrawn in proportion to the excess earnings; and earnings from any type of work, whether or not covered by Social Security, are counted for this purpose. All beneficiaries age 72 or over may draw benefits regardless of the amount of their current earnings.

E. Relationship of Public Assistance to Women 62 or Over Entitled to Benefits

A woman age 62 or over who is receiving or applying for public assistance who appears to have potential eligibility for Social Security benefits, shall be expected to apply for such benefit in the same manner as any other potentially eligible person.

F. Procedures for Filing Claims and Verification of Status (Form GA-20)

Whenever it appears that an applicant for or recipient of general assistance may be eligible for OASI benefits, and has not already filed a claim, he shall be instructed to do so by going to the district office of the Social Security Administration serving that area. [See Directory of District Offices attached to 4.600A released 4/12/55.]

1. If a claim has previously been filed the client should be able to show his award or disallowance letter for verification of his OASI status and amount of benefits if eligible. If he has no letter, or the agency has reason to believe that the one he does have is not current, three copies of Form GA-20 will be completed. Two copies will be mailed to the appropriate district OASI office, and the third copy retained awaiting the report.

Note that the GA-20 requires the client's signature authorizing OASI to release information regarding his claim.

2. If no claim has been filed and the agency is instructing the client to file his claim, three copies of Form GA-20 will be completed and two copies given to the individual to take to the district OASI office. If he files a claim, the district office will notify the agency and later inform it as to final action. If no claim is filed because the person is obviously not entitled to benefits, or the person does not wish to file, both copies of GA-20 will be returned to the agency with an appropriate explanation.

Upon receipt of a report from OASI, the agency shall make appropriate notations in its records, and account in the client's budget for the amount of any benefits when they become available.

3. A sample Form GA-20 (revised 11/56) is attached. Municipal welfare departments with relatively small case loads which do not have access to facilities to duplicate the form for their own use may request additional copies from the Bureau as needed.

G. Lump-Sum Death Benefits

1. Entitlement to Receive

If an insured wage earner or self-employed person dies, even though he is still working and is not yet receiving benefits, a lump-sum death benefit is payable whether or not the worker left a survivor eligible for monthly benefits.

The lump-sum death payment will be three times the primary insurance benefit, but not to exceed \$255. The claim for a death benefit must usually be filed within two years of the worker's death, but may be filed during an additional two year's period if the claimant can show "good cause" for failure to file within two years of the death.

If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse was not living with the worker, or dies before the claim can be paid, then the person who pays the burial expenses may be considered entitled to the lump-sum payment.

State or local government units which pay the burial expenses of a deceased OASI covered worker may file claims for reimbursement from the Bureau of OASI when there is no surviving spouse entitled to claim the lump-sum payment.

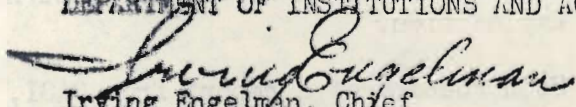
In any case where the worker is survived by a spouse who is eligible to claim the lump-sum payment, an inquiry should be made as to the availability of such funds for burial expenses before any expenses are assumed by the municipal welfare department.

2. Filing for Death Benefit

A form entitled "Application for Lump-sum Death Payment" may be secured from and filed with the appropriate district office of the Social Security Administration.

Any authorized official of a State or local government unit may file an application on its behalf. A statement by the official on the application under "Remarks" that he is authorized to file, is acceptable evidence of his authority.

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES


Irving Engelman, Chief
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Approved
Elmer V. Andrews, Director
Division of Welfare

Official Regulation M.A. 4.600, 11/26/56
Destroy Regulation M.A. 4.600, Old Age and Survivors
Insurance (undated)

REQUEST FOR FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE INFORMATION

TO: MANAGER
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DISTRICT OFFICE

Date.....

FROM: (NAME OF ORGANIZATION)

The representative payee or the individual(s) shown is unable to produce a copy of an award certificate or disallowance letter from the Social Security Administration with reference to a claim for benefits under title II of the Social Security Act as amended.

NAME OF WAGE EARNER OR SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL

SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER

It is requested that information available from your records, regarding the entitlement of the individuals listed to old-age and survivors insurance benefits, be furnished this office. The information requested is required for use in determining our claimant's eligibility.

CLAIMANTS

RELATIONSHIP

SIGNATURE AND TITLE

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MY CLAIM FOR OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TO THE ABOVE MUNICIPAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SIGNATURE OF CLIENT

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION REPORT

DATE.....

ACCOUNT NUMBER.....

THE RECORDS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FIELD OFFICE DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

NAME OF CLAIMANT	TYPE OF BENEFIT	DATE OF BIRTH	MONTH OF ENTITLEMENT	MONTHLY BENEFIT	LUMP SUM	INITIAL PAYMENT	1ST CHECK DUE (ESTIMATED)

() NO CLAIM FILED () CLAIM IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

() DISALLOWED..... REASON.....
(Date)

EXPLANATION OF ANY DEDUCTION IN THE INITIAL PAYMENT

MANAGER