

numberholder is legally married, in order to be paid Social Security benefits.

The respondents are individuals applying for benefits based upon a

Chinese custom marriage or individuals who attended the marriage ceremony.

	SSA-1344	SSA-1345
Number of Respondents	100	100.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	14 minutes	14 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	23 hours	23 hours.

5. Student's Statement Regarding School Attendance—0960-0105. The information on Form SSA-1372 is used by SSA to determine if a claimant is entitled to Social Security benefits as a student. The respondents are student claimants for Social Security benefits.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,333 hours.

6. Application for Benefits under the Italy-U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0445. The information on Form SSA-2528 is used by SSA to determine if a resident of Italy is eligible for Social Security benefits under the Italy-U.S. Social Security agreement. The respondents are Italian residents who file for U.S. benefits with the Italian Social Security Agency.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 67 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Date: May 1, 1998.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Testing Modifications to Initial Disability Claim Procedures and Disability Determination Procedures; Test Sites for Disability Claim Manager Positions

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of test sites and the duration of tests involving a disability claim manager.

SUMMARY: SSA is announcing the locations and the duration of additional tests that it will conduct under the current rules at 20 CFR 404.906 and 416.1406. Those rules authorize the testing of several modifications to the disability determination procedures and disability claim procedures that we normally follow in adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act) and claims for supplemental security income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. This notice announces the test sites and duration of tests involving use of a disability claim manager (DCM).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Fussell, DCM Test Lead, Office of the Commissioner, Disability Process Redesign Team, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21235, 410-965-9230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current regulations at §§ 404.906 and 416.1406 authorize us to test several different modifications to the disability determination procedures. In our regulations, we explained that prior to commencing each test or group of tests, we would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** describing the model(s) that we will test, where the test sites will be and the duration of the tests. SSA is announcing the locations and the duration of tests involving a DCM that it will conduct under the authority of these regulations. On or about May 11, 1998, we will begin testing the DCM process at the test sites listed below (some of which are located at federal sites and some of which are located at state sites).

Under SSA's *Plan for a New Disability Claim Process* approved by the Commissioner of Social Security in September 1994 (the disability redesign plan), the DCM will be the focal point for medical and non-medical claim activities from the time an initial claim for disability benefits is filed until an initial determination is made on the claim. The DCM may be either a State agency employee or a Federal employee and may be assisted by other individuals. When an application for benefits based on disability is handled by a DCM, the DCM will explain the disability programs and how we determine whether all the requirements for disability benefits are met. The DCM will explain what will be expected of the applicant during the claims process and provide information or assistance to the applicant, as necessary. The DCM will also provide information regarding the claimant's right to representation and will provide appropriate referral sources for representation.

The DCM will manage the case from intake to point of determination. He/she may work in a team environment with access to experts such as medical or vocational consultants and technicians such as specialist coaches for advice and guidance. A Claims Support Specialist (CSS) may also provide assistance in the non-medical aspects of the disability workload for the Federal and State DCM. DCM cases will be limited to initial adult title II and title XVI disability claims that can be fully processed through SSA's automated systems.

The DCM will make the initial disability determination, after any appropriate consultation with a medical or psychological consultant, and will obtain the forms used to certify the medical consultant's concurring signature on the disability determination to SSA. The DCM will also determine whether other conditions of eligibility (for benefits for disability cases associated with programs administered by SSA) are met. However, when the DCM is a State agency employee, a Federal employee will make the final determination regarding whether the other conditions for

entitlement to benefits are met (as required by law).

We will continue the tests for approximately 36 months. We plan to test the use of a DCM in 35 sites located in 15 states. The sites selected represent a mix of geographic areas and case loads. We will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we extend the duration of the test or expand the test sites. For the purpose of these tests, a DCM will be either an employee of the State agency that makes disability determinations for SSA or an SSA employee. The testing of the DCM in the sites listed below are separate from, and in addition to, the testing of the Full Process Model which we previously announced on April 4, 1997 (62 FR 16209, 62 FR 16210) and August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41457). Tests of the DCM position will be held at the following locations:

Social Security Administration, Field Office, 2600 Mount Ephraim Ave, Camden, NJ 08104
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 22 Sussex Street, Hackensack, NJ 07302
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, Capitol Center Bldg., 2nd Floor, 50 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 52 Charles Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 970 Broad Street, Room 1035, Newark, NJ 07102
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 3733 W University Boulevard, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32217
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 1395 S Marietta Parkway, Building 100, Room 130, Marietta, GA 30067
 Social Security Administration, DCM Unit, 100 West Capitol Street, Room 401, Jackson, MS 39201
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 9 St. Emanuel Street, Mobile, AL 36602
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, Worthman Mall, Suite 235, 5800 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 575 N Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 617, Indianapolis, IN 46204
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 6951 E 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 2715 W Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62704
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 1673 S 9th Street, 5th Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Social Security Administration, Field Office, 4120 Oakwood Hills Parkway, Eau Claire, WI 54701
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 850 Nebraska Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 210 Walnut Street, Federal Building, Room 293, Des Moines, IA 50309
 Social Security Administration, DCM Unit, 1616 Champa Street, 4th Floor, Denver, CO 80202
 Social Security Administration, DCM Unit, 46 West 300 South, Suite 100, Salt Lake City, UT 84104
 Social Security Administration, DCM Unit, 301 South Park, Room 138, Helena, MT 59626
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 7227 North 16th Street, Suite 190, Phoenix, AZ 85020
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, McNamara Building, Room 1550, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226
 Social Security Administration, Field Office, 525 Munson Avenue, Traverse City MI 49686
 State of New Jersey, Division of Disability Determination, 506 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick NJ 08901
 State of Alabama, Division of Disability Determinations, 2545 Rocky Ridge Lane, Birmingham AL 35216
 State of Georgia, Dept of Human Resources, Div of Rehab Svcs, Disability Adjudication Sec., 330 W Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur GA 30030
 State of Florida, Div of Voc Rehab, Div of Disability Determinations, 4140 Woodcock Drive, Jacksonville FL 32254
 State of Wisconsin, Div of Voc Rehab, Disability Determination Bureau, 1st Floor Olds Seed Building, 722 Williamson Street, Madison WI 53703
 State of Indiana, Div of Aging & Rehab, Disability Determination Bureau, 225 New Jersey Street, Indianapolis IN 46204
 State of Illinois, Dept of Rehab Svcs, Bureau of Disab Determination Svcs, 100 N 1st Street, 5th Floor, Springfield IL 62702
 State of Michigan, Disability Determination Services, 315 East Front Street, Traverse City MI 49684
 State of Michigan, Disability Determination Services, 1200 Sixth Street, 10th Floor, Detroit MI 48226
 State of Kansas, Dept of Social & Rehab Svcs, Disability Deter & Referral Svcs, Suite 100, 3640 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka KS 66611
 State of Iowa, Div of Voc Rehab Svcs, Disability Determination Services, 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines IA 50319

State of Arizona, Disability Determination Services, 3310 N 19th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85016

Not all disability cases received in the test sites listed above will be handled under the test procedures. During the test, DCM cases will be randomly selected from initial adult title II and title XVI disability claims that can be fully processed through SSA's automated systems. When a claim is handled by a DCM as part of the test, the claim will be processed under the procedures established under the regulations cited above.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Sue C. Davis,

Director, Disability Process Redesign Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice 2799]

Determination With Respect to the Assistance Program for Ukraine

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by subsection (k) under the heading "Assistance for the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union" in Title II of the foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-118), I hereby determine and certify that the Government of Ukraine has made significant progress toward resolving complaints made by United States investors to the United States Embassy prior to April 30, 1997.

This determination shall be provided to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Madeline Albright,

Secretary of State.

Memorandum of Justification Regarding Certification Under Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-118)

In reviewing complaints made by twelve U.S. investors or businesses to the United States Embassy in Kiev prior to April 30, 1997, concerning specific problems affecting their operations in Ukraine, the Secretary of State has found that the Government of Ukraine has made significant progress toward resolving those complaints. Our review of these cases found resolution or significant progress towards resolution in seven of the twelve cases. This