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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>35</sup>

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** [Disaster Declaration #14685 and #14686]

#### **Mississippi Disaster Number MS–00084**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 2.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA–4268–DR), dated 03/25/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 03/09/2016 and continuing.

*Effective Date:* 04/05/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/24/2016.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/27/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of MISSISSIPPI, dated 03/25/2016 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):  
George, Pearl River.

*Contiguous Counties:* (Economic Injury Loans Only):  
Mississippi: Hancock, Harrison, Jackson.

Louisiana: Saint Tammany.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59008)

**Lisa Lopez-Suarez,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** [Disaster Declaration #14675 and #14676]

#### **Texas Disaster Number TX–00465**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 3.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of TEXAS (FEMA–4266–DR), dated 03/19/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 03/07/2016 through 03/29/2016.

*DATES:* *Effective Date:* 04/04/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/18/2016.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/19/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of TEXAS, dated 03/19/2016 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):  
Henderson, Limestone, Shelby, Tyler.

*Contiguous Counties:* (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Texas: Anderson, Cherokee, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Kaufman, Leon, McLennan, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Polk, Robertson, Van Zandt.

Louisiana: De Soto.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59008)

**Lisa Lopez-Suarez,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** [Disaster Declaration #14667 and #14668]

#### **Louisiana Disaster Number LA–00062**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 4.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of LOUISIANA (FEMA–4263–DR), dated 03/13/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 03/08/2016 and continuing.

*DATES:* *Effective Date:* 04/04/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/12/2016.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/13/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

<sup>35</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of LOUISIANA, dated 03/13/2016 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties: (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Catahoula, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Saint Helena.

*Contiguous Counties: (Economic Injury Loans Only):* Louisiana; Concordia, East Feliciana, Mississippi; Issaquena.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59008)

**Lisa Lopez-Suarez,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2015-0061]

### Social Security Ruling, SSR 16-4p; Titles II and XVI: Using Genetic Test Results To Evaluate Disability

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Social Security Ruling (SSR).

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice of SSR 16-4p. This SSR explains how we consider the results of genetic tests in disability claims and continuing disability reviews under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, consistent with our policies for determination of disability.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 13, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan O'Brien, Office of Disability Policy, Office of Vocational Evaluation and Process Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 597-1632. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number 1-800-772-1213, or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Although 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and (a)(2) do not require us to publish this SSR, we are doing so under 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1).

Through SSRs, we make available to the public precedential decisions

relating to the Federal old-age, survivors, disability, supplemental security income, and special veterans benefits programs. We may base SSRs on determinations or decisions made at all levels of administrative adjudication, Federal court decisions, Commissioner's decisions, opinions of the Office of the General Counsel, or other interpretations of the law and regulations.

Although SSRs do not have the same force and effect as statutes or regulations, they are binding on all components of the Social Security Administration. 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1).

This SSR will remain in effect until we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that rescinds it, or we publish a new SSR that replaces or modifies it.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004—Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: April 6, 2016.

**Carolyn W. Colvin,**

*Acting Commissioner of Social Security.*

## POLICY INTERPRETATION RULING

### Titles II and XVI: Using Genetic Test Results To Evaluate Disability

**PURPOSE:** This SSR explains how we consider medical evidence containing the results of genetic tests and helps adjudicators, including disability examiners and medical and psychological consultants, consistently apply our policies in disability claims.<sup>1</sup>

**CITATIONS:** Sections 216(i), 223(d), 223(f), 1614(a)(3) and 1614(a)(4) of the Social Security Act, as amended; 20 CFR part 401; 20 CFR 401.55, 404.1505, 404.1508, 404.1512, 404.1513, 404.1519a, 404.1519m, 404.1520, 404.1520b, 404.1527, 404.1528, 404.1529, 404.1545, 416.905, 416.906, 416.908, 416.911, 416.912, 416.913, 416.919a, 416.919m, 416.920, 416.920b, 416.924, 416.924a, 416.926a, 416.927, 416.928, 416.929, and 416.945; and 20 CFR part 404, appendix 1.

**INTRODUCTION:** In all claims for disability, we need objective medical evidence to establish the existence of a medically determinable impairment (MDI). Genetic test results sometimes are a part of this objective medical

<sup>1</sup>For simplicity, we refer in this SSR only to initial claims for disability benefits under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (Act). However, the policy interpretations in this SSR also apply to continuing disability reviews of adults and children under sections 223(f) and 1614(a)(4) of the Act, and to redeterminations of eligibility for benefits we make in accordance with section 1614(a)(3)(H) of the Act when a child who is receiving title XVI payments based on disability attains age 18.

evidence and can also be of value at other points in the sequential evaluation process. In this ruling, we provide basic information about genetic testing and clarify how we apply our policies when evaluating genetic test results found in the medical evidence of record (MER).

**POLICY INTERPRETATION:** We consider all medical evidence, including genetic test results, when evaluating a claim for disability benefits. The information that follows is presented in question and answer format and provides details about medical genetics and how to consider MER containing genetic test results under our disability policy. Questions 1 through 3 provide basic background information about genetic tests and their use in the medical setting. Question 4 discusses the relevance of genetic test results to our disability program. Question 5 discusses whether genetic test results alone are sufficient to make a disability determination. Question 6 clarifies that we do not purchase genetic testing. Questions 7 through 11 specify how adjudicators should handle evidence containing genetic test results at various points of the adjudication process. Question 12 addresses our policy on the disclosure of genetic information.

### List of Questions

1. *What is genetic testing?*
2. *How do genetic variants relate to medical disorders?*
3. *Why do medical professionals order genetic tests?*
4. *Why are genetic tests relevant to us?*
5. *Are genetic test results alone sufficient to make a disability determination or decision?*
6. *Will we purchase genetic testing by way of consultative examination (CE)?*
7. *Do we consider medical evidence that includes the results of genetic tests?*
8. *Do we require genetic test results to find a claimant disabled?*
9. *Who typically provides genetic test evidence?*
10. *Can we consider genetic test results in the sequential evaluation process?*
11. *If a person is found disabled, can we use genetic test results when setting a diary for continuing disability review (CDR)?*
12. *What is our policy regarding the disclosure of the results of genetic tests?*

### Answers

#### 1. *What is genetic testing?*<sup>2</sup>

Genetic testing is a type of medical test that identifies variations in genetic

<sup>2</sup>For help with the definitions of the terms and concepts related to genetic testing in this SSR, see the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Talking Glossary of Genetic Terms, available at <http://www.genome.gov/glossary/index.cfm>.