All submissions should refer to file number SR–NYSEARCA–2026–112. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–NYSEARCA–2026–112 and should be submitted on or before December 16, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[20]

**Stephanie J. Fouse,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**[Docket No. SSA–2026–1255]**

### Rate for Assessment on Direct Payment of Fees to Representatives in 2027

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing the assessment percentage rate under the Social Security Act (Act) is 6.3 percent for 2027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mona B. Ahmed, Head of Program, Fiscal, & Disclosure Law, Law and Policy, Social Security Administration, 1961 Stout Street 4th Floor, Suite 4169, Denver, CO 80294. Phone: (303) 844–7108, email *Mona.Ahmed@ssa.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A claimant may appoint a qualified individual as a representative to act on their behalf in matters before the Social Security Administration (SSA). If the claimant is entitled to past-due benefits and was represented either by an attorney or by a non-attorney representative who has met certain prerequisites, the Act provides that we shall withhold up to 25 percent of the past-due benefits and use that money to pay the representative's approved fee directly to the representative.

When we pay the representative's authorized fee directly to the representative, we must collect from that fee payment an assessment to recover the costs we incur in determining and paying representatives' fees. The Act provides that the assessment we collect will be the lesser of two amounts: a specified dollar limit; or the amount determined by multiplying the fee we are paying by the assessment percentage rate. (Sections 206(d), 206(e), and 1631(d)(2) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d), 406(e), and 1383(d)(2).)

The Act initially set the dollar limit at $75 in 2004 and provides that the limit will be adjusted annually based on changes in the cost-of-living. (Sections 206(d)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2)(A) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I).) The maximum dollar limit for the assessment currently is $128, as we announced in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 2026 (91 FR 67380).

The Act requires us each year to set the assessment percentage rate at the lesser of 6.3 percent or the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs we incur to determine and pay representatives' fees. (Sections 206(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1631(d)(2)(C)(ii)(II) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(II).)

Based on the best available data, we have determined that the current rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2027. We will continue to review our costs for these services on a yearly basis.

**Sean Brune,**

*Chief Financial Officer for Finance, and Management, Social Security Administration.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**[Docket No: SSA–2026–1288]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions and one extension of existing OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

(SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833–410–1631, Email address: *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*

Or you may submit your comments online through *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain* by clicking on *Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments* and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2026–1288] in your submitted response.

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. To be sure OMB and SSA consider your comments regarding these information collections, we must receive them no later than December 28, 2026. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to the *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.*

*1. Statement of Self-Employment Income—20 CFR 404.101, 404.110, 404.1096(a)(d)—0960–0046.* To ultimately qualify for insured status, and collect Social Security benefits, self-employed individuals must demonstrate they earned the minimum required amount of self-employment income (SEI) in the current year. In cases where an individual is applying for benefits in a specific year, and the resulting quarters of coverage would establish an individual's insured status, SSA initiates the use of Form SSA–766, Statement of Self-Employment Income, to collect the information needed to determine if an individual earned at least the minimum amount of SEI for one or more quarters of coverage in the current year. Based on the information we obtain, we may credit additional quarters of coverage to give the individual insured status where they otherwise may have lacked the necessary earned minimum required amount, thus expediting benefit payments for the year in which they submit the information. Respondents are self-employed individuals potentially eligible for Social Security

[20] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).