

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A computerized method for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance (SSDI)/adult child benefits through a computer network, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a computer ~~processing means~~ processor and a computer readable media;
- (b) providing access to a Federal Social Security database through the computer network, wherein the Federal Social Security database provides records containing information relating to a person's status of SSDI adult child benefits and/or parental and/or marital information relating to SSDI adult child benefit eligibility;
- (c) providing access to a State database through the network, wherein the State database provides records containing information relating to persons receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness from a State licensed care facility;
- (d) selecting at least one person from the State database who is identified as receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness;
- (e) creating an electronic data record comprising information relating to at least the identity of the person and social security number, wherein the electronic data record is recorded on the computer readable media;
- (f) retrieving the person's Federal Social Security record containing information relating to the person's status of SSDI adult child benefits through the network;
- (g) determining whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on the SSDI status information contained within the Federal Social Security database record through the computer network;

- (h) indicating in the electronic data record whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits or is not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;
- for at least one electronic data record of persons indicated as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits, comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a caseworker display system;
 - (b) generating a data collection input screen display to the caseworker display system relating to the electronic data record of persons indicated as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;
 - (c) caseworker ~~via investigation~~ identifying and inputting available unknown parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers into the electronic data record [-] of the person indicated in the electronic data record as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;
 - ~~(d) caseworker manually inputting or by inputting via electronically from identified legal sources into the electronic data record identified available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers;~~
 - (d) retrieving parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the Federal Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;
 - (e) determining whether the person indicated in the electronic data record is eligible for receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on the identified information for determining eligibility of SSDI adult child benefits and current SSDI benefit legal requirements; and

(f) indicating in the electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 2 – Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The computerized method for determining eligibility for social security disability insurance adult child benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 1, further comprising notifying a caseworker of at least one electronic data record of a person who is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits, and wherein the caseworker applies for SSDI benefits on behalf of the at least one person indicated in the electronic data record as eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 6 (Previously Amended): The computerized method for determining eligibility for social security disability insurance benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 1, wherein the information for determining eligibility for SSDI benefits is date of disability, current social security benefit status of parents if retired, whether parents are deceased or disabled, current social security benefit status of spouse if retired, and/or whether spouse is deceased or disabled.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The computerized method for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance disabled adult child benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 1, further comprising one or more periodic reviews of at least one electronic data record of persons indicated as not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits, thereby periodically tracking and monitoring the parents' or social security status and/or the parents' or spouse's living status throughout and/or during the disabled adult child's lifetime, the review one or more periodic reviews comprise[s] the steps of:

- (a) if not currently known, identifying available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers of the person indicated in the electronic data record as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;
- (b) inputting into the electronic data record identified available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers;
- (c) retrieving parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;
- (d) determining whether the person identified in the at least one electronic record is eligible for SSDI benefits based on identified information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits and current SSDI benefit legal requirements; and
- (e) indicating in the at least one electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits; or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A computerized system for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

- (a) a processor;
- (b) a computer readable memory coupled to processor;
- (c) a network interface coupled to the processor;
- (d) software stored in the computer readable memory and executable by the processor, the software having comprising:
 - i. ~~means for~~ accessing a Federal Social Security database through the computer network, wherein the Federal Social Security database provides

records containing information relating to a person's status of SSDI adult child benefits and/or parental and/or marital information relating to eligibility for SSDI;

- ii. ~~means for~~ accessing a State database through the network, wherein the State database provides records containing information relating to persons receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness from a State licensed care facility;
- iii. ~~means for~~ selecting at least one person from the State database who is identified as receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness;
- iv. ~~means for~~ creating an electronic data record comprising information relating to at least the identity of the person and social security number, wherein the electronic data record is recorded on the computer readable media;
- v. ~~means for~~ retrieving the person's Federal Social Security record containing information relating to person's status of SSDI adult child benefits;
- vi. ~~means for~~ determining whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on the SSDI status information contained within the Federal Social Security database record through the computer network; and
- vii. ~~means for~~ indicating in the electronic data record whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits or not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;

for at least one electronic data record of persons indicated as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits, comprising the steps of:

- (a) ~~means for~~ identifying available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers of the person indicated in the electronic data record as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits;
- (b) ~~means for~~ inputting identified available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers into the electronic data record;
- (c) ~~means for~~ retrieving parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;
- (d) ~~means for~~ determining whether the selected person is eligible for receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on identified information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits and current SSDI legal requirements;
and
- (e) ~~means for~~ indicating in the electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 9 – Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The computerized system for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 8, further comprising ~~a means for~~ notifying caseworker of at least one electronic data record of a persons who is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits and wherein caseworker applies for SSDI

adult child benefits on behalf of the at least one person indicated in the electronic data record as eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 13 (Previously Amended): The computerized system for determining eligibility for social security disability insurance benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 8, wherein the information for determining eligibility for SSDI benefits is date of disability, current social security benefit status of parents if retired, whether parents are deceased or disabled, current social security benefit status of spouse if retired, and/or whether spouse is deceased or disabled.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The computerized system for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance benefits through a computer network as recited in claim 8, further comprising ~~a means for a~~ one or more periodic reviews of at least one electronic data record of persons indicated as not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits, thereby periodically tracking and monitoring the parents' or social security status and/or the parents' or spouse's living status throughout and/or during the disabled adult child's lifetime, wherein the one or more periodic reviews comprise[s]:

- (a) ~~a means for~~ identifying available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers of the person indicated in the electronic data record as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits if not currently known;
- (b) ~~means for~~ receiving identified available parental and/or marital names and Social Security numbers into the electronic data record;
- (c) ~~a means for~~ retrieving parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the Federal Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;

- (d) ~~a means for~~ determining whether the person is eligible for receiving SSDI benefits based on identified information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits and current SSDI benefit legal requirements; and
- (e) ~~a means for~~ indicating in the electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A computer software product that includes a medium readable by a processor, the medium having stored thereon a set of instructions for determining overlooked eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits through a computer network, the instructions comprising:

- (a) a first sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to establish access to a Federal Social Security database through the computer network, wherein the Federal Social Security database provides records containing information relating to a person's status of SSDI adult child benefits and/or parental and/or marital information relating to eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;
- (b) a second sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, establishes access to a State database through the network, wherein the State database provides records containing information relating to persons receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness;
- (c) a third sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to select at least one person from the State database who is identified as receiving treatment for developmental disabilities and/or mental illness;

- (d) a fourth sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to create an electronic data record comprising information relating to at least the identity of the person and social security number, wherein the electronic data record is recorded on the computer readable media;
- (e) a fifth sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to retrieve the person's Federal Social Security Record containing information relating to the person's status of SSDI adult child benefits;
- (f) a sixth sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to determine whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on the SSDI status information contained within the Federal Social Security database record through the computer network; and
- (g) a seventh sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to indicate in the electronic data record whether the person is receiving SSDI adult child benefits or not receiving SSDI adult child benefits; and
- wherein the instructions further comprise which, when executed by the processor, determines overlooked eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits for at least one electronic data record of persons indicated as not receiving SSDI adult child benefits, comprising the instructions of:
- (a) a first sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to retrieve, based on identified available information contained within the electronic data record, parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the Federal Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;

(b) a second sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to determine whether the person identified in the electronic record is eligible for receiving SSDI adult child benefits based on information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits and current SSDI adult child benefit legal requirements; and

(c) a third sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to indicate in the electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 16-- Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The computer software product as recited in claim 15, wherein the instructions further comprise a fourth sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to notifying caseworker via an output display of at least one person who is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The computer software product as recited in claim 15, wherein the instructions further comprise a sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to perform [a] one or more periodic reviews of at least one electronic data record indicated as not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits, thereby periodically tracking and monitoring the parents' or social security status and/or the parents' or spouse's living status throughout and/or during the disabled adult child's lifetime, wherein the one or more periodic reviews comprise[s] the instructions of:

(a) a first sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to retrieve, based on identified available information contained within the electronic data record, parental and/or marital Social Security record(s) from the

- Federal Social Security database through the computer network in order to identify information for determining eligibility for SSDI adult child benefits;
- (b) a second sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to determine whether the person identified in the electronic data record is eligible for receiving SSDI benefits based on identified information for determining eligibility for SSDI benefits and current SSDI benefit legal requirements; and
- (c) a third sequence of instructions which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to indicate in the electronic data record whether the person is eligible for SSDI adult child benefits or is not eligible for SSDI adult child benefits.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (New): The computerized method for determining overlooked eligibility for social security disability insurance (SSDI)/adult child benefits through a computer network in Claim 1, wherein the SSDI adult child benefit eligibility has been overlooked in the parent's or spouse's routine social security application process due to inaccurate information, or lack of information during said application process, or the person's SSDI adult child application was not properly pursued due to parent's or spouse's death was overlooked by parties associated with a disabled adult child.