SSA Procedure For Objecting to "Enumeration at Birth"

Orwellian Government Program Targets Newborns

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER POLICY AND GENERAL PROCEDURES
Parent objects to "Enumeration at Birth" program
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Recently many new parents have found that Social Security numbers have been assigned to their newborn children over their objection and against their will. It has been discovered that the Social Security Administration has implemented a program referred to as "Enumeration at Birth" and has in place a specific procedure for parental objections. Note that this is a multi-step procedure and that at each step the bureacracy will attempt to talk the parent into keeping the assigned SSN. However, if the parent is persistent, the procedure exists for expunging the record.

The following was obtained in 1992 from the SSA policy manual. (Images of the manual pages may be found at the bottom of this page.)

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00205.100       PARENT OBJECTS TO ASSIGNMENT OF SSN TO CHILD
                UNDER THE ENUMERATION AT BIRTH PROGRAM

A. POLICY       SSA does not change, void or cancel SSNs.  In special
                situations, SSA will delete the applicant information
                from the SSN record.
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B. PROCEDURE    A parent may object when a child is assigned an SSN.

                If a child is issued an SSN card via the Enumeration at
                Birth program (the online NUMIDENT shows "FMC:6" for
                Enumeration at Birth items) and the mother states she
                answered "no" to the enumeration question when providing
                birth information for the newborn, assume that the State
                inadvertantly keyed "yes", and follow these steps:
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STEP            ACTION
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1               Explain that the child will need an SSN, by at least
                age 2, if he/she will be listed as a dependent on an
                income tax return.

                *       If the parent accepts this explanation and will
                        keep the SSN card, stop.
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                     *         If this is not acceptable, go to step 2.
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2                    Explain that on SSA's records, the account will remain
                     dormant, unless earnings are posted on the record.

                     *         If the parent accepts this explanation and will
                               keep the card, stop.

                     *         If the parent accepts the explanation but does
                               want the SSN card, take the card and destroy the
                               card (RM 00201.060).  Explain that when an
                               application is later made for an SSN card the
                               same number will be assigned.

                     *         If the parent inists that we delete the SSN
                               record, explain that the deletion action may
                               take several months.  (Go to step 3.)
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3                    *         Document the parent's objection and advise the
                               parent that the case must be sent to central
                               office (CO) for review.

                     *         Explain to the parent that if we delete the
                               applicant information from the SSN record, a
                               subsequent SSN request (likely before the child
                               is age 2) will result in a different SSN.  In
                               addition, if and when the parent files for an
                               SSN for the child in the future, he/she should
                               enter "no" in item 10 on the SS-5.

                     *         Forward all material pertinent to the situation
                               (including the FO observation and recommendation)
                               to CO at:

                                         Social Security Administration
                                         ORSI, DE, E&R
                                         3-E-26 Operations Building
                                         6401 Security Blvd.
                                         Baltimore, MD 21235
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4                    Request review of the case and action concerning the
                     parent's request for deletion of the data from the
                     SSN record.  Send a copy of the entire file to the
                     appropriate regional office so that they can discuss
                     ongoing problems with the involved State.
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D. PROCEDURE - ASSIGNING A SECOND SSN	STEP	ACTION
		NOTE: A development request from OCRO is only a recommendation that a second SSN be issued to the true NH, and can be done only if the NH agrees.
	3	- Associate the new SSN, once assigned, with the scrambled earnings file and send to OCRO via the SSA-7054. • Be sure to furnish the new second SSN with the scrambled earnings material (RM 03870.050).

00205.100   PARENT OBJECTS TO ASSIGNMENT OF SSN TO CHILD UNDER THE ENUMERATION AT BIRTH PROGRAM

A. POLICY

SSA does not change, void or cancel SSNs. In special situations, SSA will delete the applicant information from the SSN record.

B. PROCEDURE

A parent may object when a child is assigned an SSN.

If a child is issued an SSN card via the Enumeration at Birth program (the online NUMIDENT shows "FMC:6" for Enumeration at Birth items) and the mother states she answered "no" to the enumeration question when providing birth information for the newborn, assume that the State inadvertently keyed "yes", and follow these steps:

STEP	ACTION
1	Explain that the child will need an SSN, by at least age 2, if he/she will be listed as a dependent on an income tax return. • If the parent accepts this explanation and will keep the SSN card, stop. • If this is not acceptable, go to step 2.
2	Explain that on SSA's records, the account will remain dormant, unless earnings are posted on the record. • If the parent accepts this explanation and will keep the card, stop. - If the parent accepts the explanation but does not want the SSN card, take the card and destroy the card (RM 00301.060). Explain that when an application is later made for an SSN card the same number will be assigned. • If the parent insists that we delete the SSN record, explain that the deletion action may take several months. (Go to step 3.)

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B. PROCEDURE (Cont.)	STEP		ACTION
	3	•	Document the parent's objection and advise the parent that the case must be sent to central office (CO) for review.
		■	Explain to the parent that if we delete the applicant information from the SSN record, a subsequent SSN request (likely before the child is age 2) will result in a different SSN. In addition, if and when the parent files for an SSN for the child in the future, he/she should enter "no" in item 10 on the SS-5.
		◄	Forward all material pertinent to the situation (including FO observation and recommendation) to CO at:
			Social Security Administration
			OHSI, DE, E&R
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			6401 Security Blvd.
			Baltimore, MD. 21235
	4		Request review of the case and action concerning the parent's request for deletion of the data from the SSN record. Send a copy of the entire file to the appropriate regional office so that they can discuss ongoing problems with the involved State.

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