

	Percent
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 201286 and for economic injury is 201290.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is Kansas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Isabella Guzman,**

*Administrator.*

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration # 20144 and # 20145; UTAH Disaster Number UT-20001]

### **Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Utah**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Utah (FEMA-4752-DR), dated 12/23/2023.

*Incident:* Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 05/01/2023 through 05/27/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 12/23/2023.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/21/2024.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/23/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 12/23/2023, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may

file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties:

Iron, Morgan, Sanpete, Utah, Wasatch.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.375
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 201446 and for economic injury is 201450.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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## **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket No: SSA-2023-0050]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and 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 of OMB-approved information collections, and one extension collection for OMB-approval.

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, Fax: 202-395-6974.

(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](mailto: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-2023-0050] in your submitted response.

I. The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than February 27, 2024. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

*Employee Work Activity Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1574(a)(1)–(3)—0960-0483.* Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients qualify for payments when a verified physical or mental impairment prevents them from working. If disability claimants attempt to return to work after receiving payments, but are unable to continue working, they submit Form SSA-3033, Employee Work Activity Questionnaire, so SSA can evaluate their work attempt. SSA also uses this form to evaluate unsuccessful subsidy work and determine applicants' continuing eligibility for disability payments. The respondents are employers of SSDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients who unsuccessfully attempted to return to work.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA-3033 Phone .....	5,000	1	15	1,250	\$59.07	19	*** \$167,345
SSA-3033 Returned via mail .....	10,000	1	15	2,500	59.07	.....	*** 147,675
Totals .....	15,000	.....	.....	3,750	.....	.....	315,020

\* We based this figure on average general and operations manager's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes111021.htm>).

\*\* We based this figure on the average FY 2023 wait times for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.

\*\*\* This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than January 29, 2024. Individuals can obtain copies of these OMB clearance packages by writing to the [OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov](mailto:OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov).

1. *Medicaid Use Report—20 CFR 416.268—0960-0267*. Section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act (Act) and 20 CFR 416.268 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Code) require SSA to determine eligibility for: (1) special SSI payments, and (2) special SSI eligibility status for a person who works despite a disabling condition. Section 20 CFR 416.268 of the Code also provides that

to qualify for special SSI eligibility status, an individual must establish that termination of eligibility for benefits under title XIX of the Act would seriously inhibit their ability to continue employment. SSA uses the collected information to determine if an individual is entitled to special title XVI SSI payments and, consequently, to Medicaid or Medi-Cal.

In most cases, if an SSI beneficiary is blind or disabled, regardless of age, and they have Medicaid before beginning to work again, they can retain their Medicaid benefits while continuing to work as long as their disabling condition still exists. During a personal or telephone Redetermination interview with the SSI recipient, an SSA employee asks the following questions:

- Have you used any medical care or services in the past 12 months that were paid for by Medicaid (or Medi-Cal, etc.)?

- Do you expect to receive any medical care or services in the next 12 months that will be paid for by Medicaid (or Medi-Cal, etc.)?

- Without Medicaid (Medi-Cal, etc.), would you be unable to pay your medical bills if you become ill or injured in the next 12 months?

Generally, a response of “yes” to one of those three questions will lead to SSA determining that an SSI recipient whose payments have stopped based on earnings, is entitled to special SSI payments and, consequently, to Medicaid benefits under section 1619 (b) of the Act. The respondents are SSI recipients for whom SSA has stopped payments based on earnings.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field offices and teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
20 CFR 416.268 SSI Claims System .....	99,000	1	3	4,950	*\$12.81	** 21	*** \$507,276

\* We based this figure on average SSI payments based on SSA's current FY 2023 data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2023factsheet.pdf>).

\*\* We based this figure on the average FY 2023 wait times for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.

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2. *Appeal of Determination for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs—0960-0695*. Public Law 108-173, also known as the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), amended title XVIII of the Act to establish a subsidy program to help certain individuals with limited income and resources pay for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. SSA also commonly refers to this subsidy program as Extra Help.

Individuals seeking Extra Help may apply via the SSA-1020 paper form or i1020 online application (OMB No. 0960-0696). If SSA determines that the claimant is not eligible for Extra Help, SSA will mail a notice to the claimant indicating that SSA denied the claim. Extra Help denial notices include appeal rights and explain how to request an appeal. Individuals learn about the appeal process for Extra Help via determination notices, 800# representatives, as well as SSA and

CMS websites. Individuals voluntarily initiate the Extra Help appeal process by printing the form from SSA's online website and sending the completed form to SSA, contacting SSA's 800 Number to request an appeal, or going into the field office to request the appeal. If the individual chooses to call the 800# or go into the field office, an SSA technician enters the individual's request into the MAPS system. The system then electronically sends the request to the Subsidy Determination Unit, who

schedules an appointment for the appeal and sends an appointment notice to the individual.

Individuals who appeal SSA's decision regarding eligibility or continuing eligibility for Medicare Part D Extra Help must complete Form SSA-1021. The respondent may mail the completed form to either the local field

office or to the Wilkes-Barre Direct Operations Center. The respondent may also complete the form with assistance from an SSA technician via an in-person interview at the Field Office or over the telephone. SSA technicians enter all claims into Medicare Application Processing System (MAPS), which automatically adjudicates claims based

on the data the technicians input. Respondents are Medicare beneficiaries, or proper applicants acting on behalf of a Medicare beneficiary, who do not agree with the outcome of an SSA Extra Help eligibility determination and want to file an appeal.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA-1021—(Paper version) .....	1,859	1	10	310	*\$29.76	.....	*** \$9,226
SSA-1021—(Internet version: MAPS) .....	5,291	1	10	882	*\$29.76	** 24	*** \$89,220
Totals .....	7,150	.....	.....	1,192	.....	.....	*** \$98,446

\*We based this figure on average U.S. worker's hourly wages; State and local government worker's salaries; and attorney representative payee wages as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data ([https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_stru.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm)).

\*\*We based this figure on the average FY 2023 wait times for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.

\*\*\* This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.

Dated: December 26, 2023.

Naomi Sipple,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Extension of Exclusions and Request for Comments: China's Acts, Policies and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property and Innovation

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative modified the actions in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property and innovation by excluding from additional duties certain products of China. In September 2023, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to extend 352 previously reinstated exclusions through December 31, 2023. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to extend for five months, through May 31, 2024, these same exclusions. This notice also announces that USTR is opening of a docket for

public comments on whether to further extend particular exclusions.

**DATES:** The extension announced in this notice will extend the reinstated and COVID-related product exclusions through May 31, 2024.

*January 22, 2024:* The public docket on the web portal at <http://comments.USTR.gov> will open for interested persons to submit comments.

*February 21, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET:* To be assured of consideration, submit written comments on the public docket by this time.

**ADDRESSES:** You must submit all comments through the online portal: <https://comments.ustr.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general questions about this notice, contact Senior Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Edward Marcus at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions, contact [traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

In the course of this investigation, the U.S. Trade Representative has imposed additional duties on products of China in four tranches. *See* 83 FR 28719 (June 20, 2018); 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018); 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), as modified by 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018); and 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), as modified by 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019) and 85 FR

3741 (January 22, 2020). For each tranche of additional duties, the U.S. Trade Representative established a process by which interested persons could request the exclusion of particular products subject to the action. With few exceptions, most of these exclusions expired in 2019 and 2020.

##### Reinstated Exclusions

On October 8, 2021, the U.S. Trade Representative invited the public to submit comments on whether to reinstate certain exclusions previously granted and extended. *See* 86 FR 56345 (October 8, 2021). On March 28, 2022, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to further modify the action by reinstating 352 expired exclusions. The reinstated exclusions applied as of October 12, 2021, and extended through December 31, 2022. *See* 87 FR 17380 (March 28, 2022) (March 28 notice). On December 21, 2022, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to extend the 352 reinstated exclusions through September 30, 2023. *See* 87 FR 78187 (December 21, 2022).

##### COVID-Related Exclusions

On March 25, 2020, USTR requested public comments on proposed modifications to exclude from additional duties certain medical-care products related to the U.S. response to COVID. 85 FR 16987 (March 25, 2020). On December 29, 2020, USTR announced 99 product exclusions for medical-care products and products related to the U.S. COVID response. 85 FR 85831 (December 20, 2020). For