Changing Your Name

If you legally change your name because of marriage, divorce, court order or any other reason, you must tell Social Security so you can get a corrected card. There is no charge.

To get a corrected Social Security card, you will need to:

- Show the required documents. You will need proof of your identity. Sometimes you also may need to prove your current U.S. citizenship or lawful noncitizen status. See Learn What Documents You Need for more information.
- Fill out and print an Application for a Social Security Card; and
- Take or mail your application and documents to your local Social Security office.

If you live in Philadelphia County, you will need to go to the Philadelphia Card Center at 1500 JFK Boulevard.

Go to Your Social Security Number and Card.

myRA Makes Saving Easier For People Who Do Not Have A Retirement Savings Plan Through Work

Achieving financial security is an important part of enjoying a satisfying retirement. You can help people prepare for a secure, comfortable retirement by directing them to www.myra.gov. There they will find myRA, a new retirement savings option from the Department of the Treasury for the millions of Americans who face barriers to saving for retirement. Designed for people who do not have a retirement savings plan through work or who lack other options for saving, myRA makes it easy and affordable to start saving for retirement, even if they can save only a little bit right now.

myRA helps workers grow their money faster than they can with most traditional savings accounts, and there is no risk. Because it is not tied to a particular employer, workers can hold on to their myRA account when they move from one job to another.

Of course, If they already have access to a retirement savings plan, such as a 401(k), they should learn more about that plan because it might offer matching contributions or other benefits.

In addition, create a my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. With a my Social Security account, they will have immediate access to their personal Social Security Statement, their earnings record, and an estimate of their retirement benefits at age 62, at full retirement age, and at age 70.

Plan for a financially secure retirement with a personal my Social Security and a myRA account in place. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.
Extra Help with Your Prescription Costs

In times like these, every dollar counts. Some people qualify for big savings on their Medicare prescription drug costs and do not even realize it! In fact, if you receive Medicare, you may be eligible for the Extra Help, which could save you about $4,000 per year on your monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments.

To qualify for Extra Help, you must be receiving Medicare, have limited resources and income, and reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. To find out if you qualify, Social Security will need to know the value of your savings, investments, real estate (other than your home), and your income. We will also need information about you and your spouse, if you are married and living together.

To apply for Extra Help, you need to complete Social Security’s Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. Our secure online application has self-help screens that guide you through a series of questions. You can apply from the comfort of your home, or from any other computer that is convenient to you. You can start and stop the application at any time, and go back later to finish it.

After you apply, Social Security will review your application and send you a letter letting you know if you qualify for Extra Help. Once you qualify, you can choose a Medicare prescription drug plan.

For more information, go to: https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp/

A Lifetime of Protections

Social Security Faith Week of Action invites faith-based and community groups across the country to help us spread the word about our programs and services. This year’s theme is “Shining a Light on Your Lifetime Protections.”

Faith-based groups can take part by downloading our toolkit to help you plan and promote a Social Security awareness event in your community. Your event will highlight America’s most successful poverty prevention program and encourage participants to create their own my Social Security online account. This is an important tool for financial planning.

Social Security Faith Week of Action is also a great time to spread the word about myRA — an exciting new retirement savings alternative for workers who do not have a retirement plan through an employer or lack other options to save.

On average, Social Security retirement benefits replace 40 percent of workers’ earnings. Yet over a third of the nation’s workers have no savings set aside specifically for retirement! This campaign will provide your members with knowledge that could change their lives for the better and set them on a sound financial course.

Did You Know That...

- Nearly nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.
- Social Security benefits represent about 39% of the income of the elderly.
- Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 53% of married couples and 74% of unmarried persons receive 50% or more of their income from Social Security.
- Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 22% of married couples and about 47% of unmarried persons rely on Social Security for 90% or more of their income.