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**NEW TECHNOLOGY TOOLS
FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Happy New Year! I hope you are off to a great start in 2014, and looking forward to making this a wonderful year. The team at Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, has already started planning some innovative new ways to serve our clients in the months ahead -- so be on the lookout for some exciting news that we will share in the coming months!

One of the ways we will continue to stay ahead of the pack in 2014 is by making sure we have access to the very latest technology. Using web-based services has become a part of daily life for most Americans, and we are determined to not only keep pace, but help set new standards within our industry, as well.

With that goal in mind as we move forward into the New Year, we have included two technology-based articles in our first e-newsletter of 2014. Be sure to read them both to find out about changes to services offered by Social Security, and about the Health Care website and how millions of Americans are already using this new resource.

One thing that will not be changing in the year ahead is our commitment to helping you find your way through the process of qualifying for the benefits you deserve. As always, if you have any questions about Social Security benefits or SSI, we are here for you. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call. We're always happy to hear from you and share our experience and expertise to help you.

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NEW TECHNOLOGY OFFERS MORE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES

To utilize new technology investments and meet the increasing demands for their service, Social Security is making changes to how they provide some services to their customers. Later in 2014, Social Security will stop providing benefit verification letters in local offices. You still will be able to get an instant letter online by creating a personal my Social Security account, or you may call Social Security's toll-free telephone number to request one by mail.



Also, to help prevent identity theft, they will discontinue providing Social Security number printouts since they have no security features and are easily misused or counterfeited. If you need proof of your Social Security number and you do not have your Social Security card, you will need to request a replacement card by completing the Application for a Social Security Card and providing the required documentation. Learn more by reading the new fact sheet at [www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/factsheets_posters/Numithirdparties\(2014\).pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/factsheets_posters/Numithirdparties(2014).pdf).

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Information For Advocates, Social Service Agencies And Other Third Parties
Getting A Replacement Social Security Card

If your clients need a replacement Social Security card, they must show us documents to prove their:

- Identity;
- Age; and
- U.S. citizenship or lawful immigration status.

Before sending clients to a Social Security office, please direct them to www.socialsecurity.gov. There, your clients will find a list of documents they must bring to our office. That way your clients will save time.

The parts of the Social Security website that offer the most relevant details include:

- Documents You Need For A Social Security Card (www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm);
- Frequently Asked Questions (www.socialsecurity.gov/faqs); and
- Get A Publication (www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

Your clients also may want to take a look at the specific online fact sheets and publications that address the requirements for getting a replacement card. Also available at www.socialsecurity.gov, they include:

- *U.S. Citizen/Adult — Replacement Social Security Card* (SSA Publication No. 05-10512);
- *U.S. Citizen/Child — Replacement Social Security Card* (SSA Publication No. 05-10514); and
- *Non-U.S. Citizen/Adult — Replacement Social Security Card* (SSA Publication No. 05-10515).

Employers and third parties can find out how to verify Social Security numbers at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer.

All documents submitted must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents.

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Social Security continues to work directly with advocates, social service agencies, and other third parties to make sure they have access to available data exchanges to obtain Social Security number information without needlessly requiring their clients to undertake the task.

You may want to participate in Social Security's upcoming webcast on January 9. "Benefit Verification Letters Online, Easy as 1-2-3" is designed to encourage

advocates, social service agencies and other third parties to promote the use of Social Security's online service option. The webinar will include steps to establishing an account on my Social Security, how to get a benefit verification letter and other services offered at the website. Join the webinar at www.socialsecurity.gov/webinars.

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NEARLY TWO MILLION AMERICANS HAVE USED HEALTH CARE WEBSITE

The Health Care website is up and running, and November's federal enrollment number outpaced the October number by four times. More than a million Americans have selected a plan or received a Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) determination.

According to Health and Human Services, October and November saw nearly 365,000 Americans select plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace. Almost two million people have made it through the eligibility process by applying for and receiving a determination, but have not yet selected a plan. Another 803,000 Americans were found eligible for Medicaid or CHIP.

More impressive than the numbers are the individual stories that show how access to health care for everyone can really help. Take Deputy Cabinet Secretary Michael Robertson, a White House staffer who was diagnosed 16 months ago with stage four cancer at age 36. "A check-up with my family doctor only days before spawned a whirlwind of appointments, scans, and tests. I learned that I was now a stage four, metastatic colorectal cancer patient. A cancer that usually afflicts those 65 and older wasn't just inside my body, it was growing and making its way through my body, spreading from my colon to a tumor in my liver and possibly a lesion on my lungs." Read how the Affordable Care Act helped, at the White House Blog.

www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/12/04/it-shouldn-t-have-happened-me-it-did-o.

You can also access the health care website next time you're at www.socialsecurity.gov. Or go directly to www.healthcare.gov.



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Jan Dils keeps you updated on Social Security disability benefits news and important issues that matter the most. We not only focus on Social Security Disability, we also provide legal assistance for Veterans Disability Benefits. We understand the claims process and specialize in making sure Veterans receive the proper representation needed for receiving benefits. For more information on our Veterans Disability services, please visit www.fight4vets.com

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