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## Social Security Verification

1. What are you accepting as verification for Social Security Benefits?

Responded that they use awards letters or bank statements and EIV - 66

Additional comments:

Print out from social security

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printout out from My SSA

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HHSC documentation

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We accept the current statement from the Social Security office as verification of benefits..

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We generally assist the client with logging into system and generating a letter, or assist in calling the toll free number.

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SS letter dated 60 days or earlier. Debit Card Statement of Activity last six months.

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#1 Current award letter from SSA #2 2015 COLA letter from SSA (once it arrives) #3 For recerts effective January 1st 2015 and beyond, we use the 1.7% increase rate posted on the SSA website to project their annualized income until the actual 2015 COLA letter arrives. This increase is applied to the last verified SS/SSi amount, whether from 3rd party award letter presented at an earlier recert, or from a current EIV check. #4 AS A LAST RESORT, and until such time as we can receive verification documents, we accept the resident/applicant declaration. \* Formerly (many long years ago), we would use bank statements or even make copies of the check when it arrived, but those options are no longer practical or acceptable. Neither method, for example, shows us the deductions, such as Medicare Premiums, Child Support payments, etc. We have no way of knowing, when looking at the CHECK itself, what the GROSS amount was.

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Awards letter--we have a computer and they can get on line and print it off in the office  
Also works for child support