#### Form **SSA-552** (04-2022) UF Discontinue Prior Editions Social Security Administration

Name (Representative Payee):

# DEDICATED ACCOUNT USE OF FUNDS STATEMENT

Name (Child):

Social Security Number (Child):

I am the representative payee for the disabled child under the age of 18 identified above. I understand that the law says I have to open a separate account at a financial institution for certain, large SSI checks that I may get on behalf of the child. This account is called a "dedicated" account because I can only use money in this account to pay for items and services as described below.

I also understand funds in the dedicated account do not count in determining the child's eligibility for SSI payments but if I deposit unauthorized funds into the dedicated account the child's eligibility for SSI may be affected.

# I May Use Money From The Dedicated Account For

- Medical treatment and education or job skills training; or
- Items and services related to the child's impairment that benefit the child such as:

Personal needs assistance (for example, in-home nursing care); Special equipment; Housing modifications; Therapy or rehabilitation; or

• Other items or services related to the child's impairment like legal fees incurred by the child in establishing a claim for disabled child's benefits.

**NOTE:** If you are uncertain as to whether or not an expenditure is allowed, you should seek SSA's approval before making the expenditure.

# I May Not Use Money From The Dedicated Account For

- Basic maintenance costs such as for food, housing, clothing and personal items which are not related to the child's impairment;
- Repayment of an SSI overpayment; and
- Any other items not listed above that are not related to the child's impairment.

**NOTE:** In emergency situations, the Social Security Administration (SSA) may approve use of dedicated account funds for basic living expenses to prevent the child from becoming homeless or malnourished.

# If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions whether the money from the dedicated account may be used for a specific item or service, please call, write or visit your local Social Security Office.

### Please read the following information carefully, before signing this statement:

The restrictions on the use of dedicated account funds will continue to apply until all account funds are spent or the child's eligibility for benefits terminates.

I understand how dedicated account funds can and cannot be used and I agree to:

- 1. Use the money in the dedicated account only for items and services approved under the law or by SSA;
- 2. Use the regular monthly SSI benefit payment for the child's basic needs for food, housing, clothing, and personal items;
- 3. Keep records and receipts of how money from the dedicated account was used and any deposits made into the account for at least 2 years;
- 4. Complete the Representative Payee Report Of Benefits And Dedicated Account (SSA-6233-BK) on the use of dedicated account funds;
- 5. Provide SSA with an explanation of any item or service purchased if requested;
- 6. Use <u>my own funds</u> to repay any money to SSA that I knowingly used from this dedicated account for anything other than the items and services approved under the law or by SSA; and
- 7. Return all funds remaining in the dedicated account to SSA if I stop serving as payee.

SIGNATURE (Representative Payee):	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):

MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street, Apt. No., P.O. Box or Rural Route):

CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

# Privacy Act Statement Collection and Use of Personal Information

Sections 205(j) and 1631(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, allow us to collect this information. Furnishing us this information is voluntary. However, failing to provide all or part of the information may prevent or delay entitlement payments from being deposited into a dedicated account.

We will use the information you provide to confirm your understanding of use restrictions associated with the dedicated account. We may also share your information for the following purposes, called routine uses:

- To a claimant, or other individual authorized to act on his or her behalf, information concerning the status of his or her representative payee or the status of the application of a person applying to be his or her representative payee, and information pertaining to the address of a representative payee applicant or a selected representative payee, when this information is needed to pursue a claim for recovery of misapplied or misused benefits; and
- To agencies or entities with responsibility for investigating or addressing possible financial exploitation of, an immediate health or safety threat to, or other serious risk to the well-being of the beneficiary, for referral, when these issues are identified during a representative payee review.

In addition, we may share this information in accordance with the Privacy Act and other Federal laws. For example, where authorized, we may use and disclose this information in computer matching programs, in which our records are compared with other records to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federal benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect or delinquent debts under these programs.

A list of additional routine uses is available in our Privacy Act System of Records Notices (SORN) 60-0089, entitled Claims Folders System, as published in the Federal Register (FR) on October 31, 2019, at 84 FR 58422; 60-0222, entitled Master Representative Payee File, as published in the FR on November 2, 2018, at 83 FR 55228; and 60-0320, entitled Electronic Disability Claim File, as published in the FR on June 4, 2020, at 85 FR 34477. Additional information, and a full listing of all our SORNs, is available on our website at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/privacy">www.ssa.gov/privacy</a>.