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U. S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

APR 30 1976

MURRAY L. HARRIS, CLERK
BY BEATRICE H. BRYAN
DEPUTY

GENERAL ORDER

It being called to the attention of the Court that litigation in the social security programs and claims arising thereunder has increased substantially in recent years. The Court notes that the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare requests an extension of time in which to answer or otherwise plead to plaintiffs' pleadings in nearly all cases being filed in this Court. The Court having been advised that one of the predominant reasons for these requests for extensions of time to reply is the fact that the individual claimant is not properly identified with his or her social security number, and the type of benefits being sought is not properly delineated, causing an undue burden upon the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to investigate and identify the particular claimant and the type of claim sought. The Court being of the opinion that it would be in the interest of justice for all parties concerned that the procedure in this Court be modified by an order requiring specific information on all claims filed under the social security program, it is therefore

ORDERED that complaints filed in civil cases, pursuant to Section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 405(g) for benefits under Titles II, XVI and XVIII of the Social Security Act as well as Part B, Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 shall contain, in addition to what is required under Rule 8(a) Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the following information:

1. In cases involving claims, health insurance and black lung benefits, the social security number of the worker on whose wage record the application for benefits was filed (who may or may not be the plaintiff).

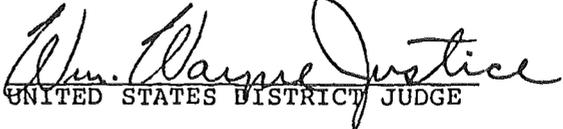
2. In cases involving claims for supplemental security income benefits, the social security number of the plaintiff.

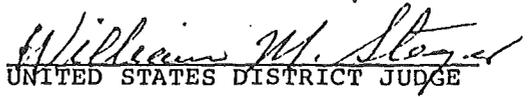
It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court prepare and furnish to any party desiring to file a suit in this court under the Social Security Act a brief model complaint that will include the name of the plaintiff, the social security number, the proper mailing address and the type of claim being brought for the consideration of the Court.

It is further ORDERED that if a claimant for social security benefits does not request such form, that the Clerk of this Court check the pleadings to determine if the essential information, including the social security account number, address and type of claim is properly presented in a petition submitted to the Clerk for filing in this Court.

ENTERED March 19, 1976.


CHIEF JUDGE
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