MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL SECURITY

INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BABY'S SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE NOT NAMED YOUR BABY, A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD CANNOT BE ISSUED.

You should get your baby's Social Security card in about 5 weeks. It takes your State about 4 weeks to notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) about your baby's birth. After the birth is registered, SSA will issue your baby a Social Security card. The card will be mailed to you about one week after SSA is notified by the State of your baby's birth.

Never pay a fee to get a Social Security card. If anyone asks for money to help you get a card, notify SSA immediately at 1-800-772-1213.

If your baby has medical problems, call SSA at the number shown above to find out if Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can help.

If you are filing for Welfare or other public assistance benefits for your baby, you will need the following information completed before you leave the hospital.

Name of Child	
Signature of hospital official	Date

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