

the United States from which the person has fled, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual has fled, or, in jurisdictions that do not define crimes as felonies, is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year regardless of the actual sentence imposed;

(3) during any part of which the individual violates a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law; or

(4) during which the individual resides in a foreign country and is not a citizen or national of the United States if payments for such month to individuals residing in such country are withheld by the Treasury Department under section 3329 of title 31.

**(b) Requirement for Attorney General**

For the purpose of carrying out subsection (a)(1), the Attorney General shall notify the Commissioner of Social Security as soon as practicable after the removal of any individual under section 1227(a) or 1182(a)(6)(A) of title 8.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 106-169, title II, §251(a), Dec. 14, 1999, 113 Stat. 1845; amended Pub. L. 108-203, title II, §203(c), Mar. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 511.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior provisions, see note set out under section 1001 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-203 substituted “or, in jurisdictions that do not define crimes as felonies, is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year regardless of the actual sentence imposed” for “or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of such State”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-203 effective on the first day of the first month that begins on or after the date that is 9 months after Mar. 2, 2004, see section 203(d) of Pub. L. 108-203, set out as a note under section 402 of this title.

**§ 1005. Benefit amount**

The benefit under this subchapter payable to a qualified individual for any month shall be in an amount equal to 75 percent of the Federal benefit rate under subchapter XVI for the month, reduced by the amount of the qualified individual’s benefit income for the month.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title VIII, §805, as added Pub. L. 106-169, title II, §251(a), Dec. 14, 1999, 113 Stat. 1845.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior provisions, see note set out under section 1001 of this title.

**§ 1006. Applications and furnishing of information**

**(a) In general**

The Commissioner of Social Security shall, subject to subsection (b), prescribe such requirements with respect to the filing of applications, the furnishing of information and other mate-

rial, and the reporting of events and changes in circumstances, as may be necessary for the effective and efficient administration of this subchapter.

**(b) Verification requirement**

The requirements prescribed by the Commissioner of Social Security under subsection (a) shall preclude any determination of entitlement to benefits under this subchapter solely on the basis of declarations by the individual concerning qualifications or other material facts, and shall provide for verification of material information from independent or collateral sources, and the procurement of additional information as necessary in order to ensure that the benefits are provided only to qualified individuals (or their representative payees) in correct amounts.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title VIII, §806, as added Pub. L. 106-169, title II, §251(a), Dec. 14, 1999, 113 Stat. 1846.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior provisions, see note set out under section 1001 of this title.

**§ 1007. Representative payees**

**(a) In general**

If the Commissioner of Social Security determines that the interest of any qualified individual under this subchapter would be served thereby, payment of the qualified individual’s benefit under this subchapter may be made, regardless of the legal competency or incompetency of the qualified individual, either directly to the qualified individual, or for his or her use and benefit, to another person (the meaning of which term, for purposes of this section, includes an organization) with respect to whom the requirements of subsection (b) have been met (in this section referred to as the qualified individual’s “representative payee”). If the Commissioner of Social Security determines that a representative payee has misused any benefit paid to the representative payee pursuant to this section, 405(j) of this title, or section 1383(a)(2) of this title, the Commissioner of Social Security shall promptly revoke the person’s designation as the qualified individual’s representative payee under this subsection, and shall make payment to an alternative representative payee or, if the interest of the qualified individual under this subchapter would be served thereby, to the qualified individual.

**(b) Examination of fitness of prospective representative payee**

(1) Any determination under subsection (a) to pay the benefits of a qualified individual to a representative payee shall be made on the basis of—

(A) an investigation by the Commissioner of Social Security of the person to serve as representative payee, which shall be conducted in advance of the determination and shall, to the extent practicable, include a face-to-face interview with the person (or, in the case of an organization, a representative of the organization); and

(B) adequate evidence that the arrangement is in the interest of the qualified individual.