## A Social Security Enumeration

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers the Social Security enumeration process. SSA issues the Social Security Card (SSA-3000) as official verification of the Social Security Number (SSN).

FAA is authorized to use a participant's SSN in the administration of CA, FS, MA, and State Public Assistance programs. The SSN is used to access records of wages and benefits.

Social Security cards have been issued since 1936, and have been revised more than 20 times. Revisions to the Social Security card, as well as added security features, often go unnoticed by counterfeiters. (See <u>SSN Verification</u> to assist in identifying invalid Social Security cards)

A participant's SSN is used for the following purposes:

- Determining the amount of CA and FS benefits participants have received
- Establishing and enforcing child support and medical support orders
- Pursuing collection of any CA or FS overpayment, resulting from receipt of benefits to which the budgetary unit was not entitled
  - Pursuing collection of AHCCCS misspent dollars resulting from receipt of MA to which the budgetary unit was not entitled
    - Preventing duplicate participation in a program

## WARNING

When a participant has legally changed her identity due to violence or abuse and is known to AZTECS under a former identity, see <u>Identity Change - Violence or Abuse</u>. For all other legal identity changes, see CLMA. Always key the participant's actual SSN when known.

When the participant does not have, or does not know, their SSN, they are registered using one of the following <u>assigned numbers</u>:

- AZTECS pseudo SSN
- AHCCCS pseudo SSN