

Social Security Number Facts for Hospitals



It's important to apply for a Social Security number for a newborn as soon as possible!

- The parents will need the number for income tax purposes
- The child may need the number for bank accounts
- The child may need the number for medical insurance coverage
- The child may need the number for obtaining government services

Applying at the hospital is the quickest and easiest way to get a Social Security number!

- It saves the parents a visit to the Social Security office
- It gives the child a social security card, usually within five weeks
- It sends the baby home with everything needed to begin the valuable protection of social security benefits and coverage

Important reminders!

The only exceptions to being able to file for a Social Security number at the hospital are:

- The baby is not yet named
- The baby is not expected to live
- The baby is going to be adopted
- The parents use a post office box as a mailing address

Every other baby can apply for a number at the hospital!

- Parents' Social Security numbers are requested. If parents do not know their number or do not have a number, leave the section blank. The child will still be issued a number.
- Information sufficient for the birth certificate is sufficient for a Social Security number application
- Parental immigration status is not an issue and **since the baby is born in the United States proof of citizenship is not required.**

