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## General Comment

The proposed form SSA-1693 should be voluntary and should be revised per NOSSCR's comments. NOSSCR's revisions will clarify the contingency fee process so that claimants will be adequately informed. As for being voluntary, the revised form would work for cases with contingency fees, but does not adequately address cases with non-contingency fees. If SSA mandates use of this form, now or in the future, it will deprive claimants of their right to representation for cases with non-contingency fees because those cases are not paid from retroactive benefits.