

(C) *Access granted by mail.* For records to be made accessible by mail, the Administrative Officer shall, to the extent possible, establish identity by a comparison of signatures in situations where the data in the record is not so sensitive that unauthorized access could cause harm or embarrassment to the individual to whom they pertain. No identification documentation will be required for the disclosure to the person making the request of information required to be made available to the public by 5 U.S.C. 552. When, in the opinion of the Administrative Officer the granting of access through the mail could reasonably be expected to result in harm or embarrassment if disclosed to a person other than the individual to whom the record pertains, a notarized statement of identity or some similar assurance of identity will be required.

(D) *Unavailability of identification documentation.* If an individual is unable to produce adequate identification documentation the individual will be required to sign a statement asserting identity and acknowledging that knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses may result in a fine of up to \$5,000. In addition, depending upon the sensitivity of the records to which access is sought, the official having operational control over the records may require such further reasonable assurances as may be considered appropriate; e.g., statements of other individuals who can attest to the identity of the person making the request.

(E) *Access by the parent of a minor, or by a legal guardian.* A parent of a minor, upon presenting suitable personal identification, may act on behalf of the minor to gain access to any record pertaining to the minor maintained by STR in a system of records. A legal guardian may similarly act on behalf of an individual declared to be incompetent due to physical or mental incapacity or age by a court of competent jurisdiction, upon the presentation of the documents authorizing the legal guardian to so act, and upon suitable personal identification of the guardian.

(F) *Granting access when accompanied by another individual.* When an individual requesting access to his or her record in a system of records maintained by STR wishes to be accompanied by another individual during the course of the examination of the record, the individual making the request shall submit to the official having operational control of the record, a signed statement authorizing that person access to the record.

(G) *Denial of access for inadequate identification documentation.* If the official having operation control over the records in a system of records maintained by STR determines that an individual seeking access has not provided sufficient identification documentation to permit access, the official shall consult with the Administrative officer prior to finally denying the individual access.

(vii) *Medical records.* The records in a system of records which are medical records shall be disclosed to the individual to whom they pertain in such manner and following such procedures as the Administrative Officer shall direct. When STR in consultation with a physician, determines that the disclosure of medical information could have an adverse effect upon the individual to whom it pertains, STR may transmit such information to a physician named by the individual.

(viii) *Exceptions.* Nothing in this section shall be construed to entitle an individual the right to access to any information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action or proceedings.

§2005.3 Access to the accounting of disclosures from records.

Rules governing the granting of access to the accounting of disclosures are the same as those for granting access to the records (including verification of identity) outlined in §2005.2.

§2005.4 Requests for copies of records.

Rules governing requests for copies of records are the same as those for the granting of access to the records (including verification of identity) outlined in §2005.2. (See also §2005.7 for rules regarding fees.)