

The Daily Blurb

'Blurb' 29: Alternative SSNs

System Generated and Facsimile Numbers

Since Social Security Numbers (SSN) are such a fundamental part of our case processing, it's important to review a question that often arises: what's the difference between Facsimile and System generated SSNs and when do I use them?

Facsimile Number (TAO issued)

Facsimile numbers begin with 991-997 and are assigned sequentially in each TAO and are assigned to grantees or:

- an undocumented noncitizen who cannot, because of his or her noncitizen status, apply for an SSN
- a documented noncitizen who chooses not to apply for himself or herself
- a citizen or noncitizen awaiting SSA to issue an SSN or to confirm an existing SSN); or
- a victim of Domestic Violence who is concerned about safety (regardless of citizenship status).

Systems Generated SSN

Systems generated 990 or 999 numbers are assigned through BEACON to clients **other than the grantees** who are:

- a citizen or noncitizen awaiting SSA to issue an SSN or to confirm an existing SSN;
- an undocumented noncitizen who cannot, because of his or her lack of citizenship status, apply for an SSN; or
- a documented noncitizen who chooses not to apply for TAFDC.

For more information regarding policy and procedures, please review Operations Memo 2005-42 and the *Alternative Social Security Numbers* section of the Online Guide.