

Hyperlinks, SSA eCARs and CM/ECF

Benefits of Electronic Documents

Portability – *easy to transfer and store*
Reproduction – *easy to replicate*
Search – *find what you need*
Copy and Paste – *use what you need*
Hyperlinks – *link to other resources*

Types of Hyperlinks

Internal links
Table of Contents
Footnotes, endnotes, cross references
External links
Other CM documents
Research links

Social Security Administration's eCAR

eCAR features:

Table of Contents
Some portions text searchable
Bookmarks

Image quality dependent upon records submitted: if office visits were handwritten, the image will be a picture of those handwritten notes

Logically divided file segments are filed with the court

Courtesy copy CD with entire file and file segments

Possible Barriers to Links

Policy Debate

Issues: ([Dir. 9-058, May 22, 2009](#)) Persistence of data Endorsement of service

Debate: Input solicited ([Dir. 10-056 April 30 2010](#))

Response ([email May 8, 2010](#))

DenyLinks option in CM/ECF [CM/ECF Application Configuration Guide District Release 4.1](#)

PDF/A [CM/ECF 5 Release Notes](#): PDF/A does not currently permit hyperlinks, but PDF/A 2.0 may permit. Track developments at [PDF Standards website](#).

This page with live links is online at www.utd.uscourts.gov/nuffer/Links-eCars.htm

The session powerpoint is at www.utd.uscourts.gov/nuffer/Hyperlinks_SSA_eCARs_CM_7_30_10-1.ppt

Detailed step by step instructions for eFiling the eCAR www.utd.uscourts.gov/nuffer/Filing-eCar.pdf

A survey of district eCAR filing practices is summarized at www.utd.uscourts.gov/nuffer/Survey.pdf

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