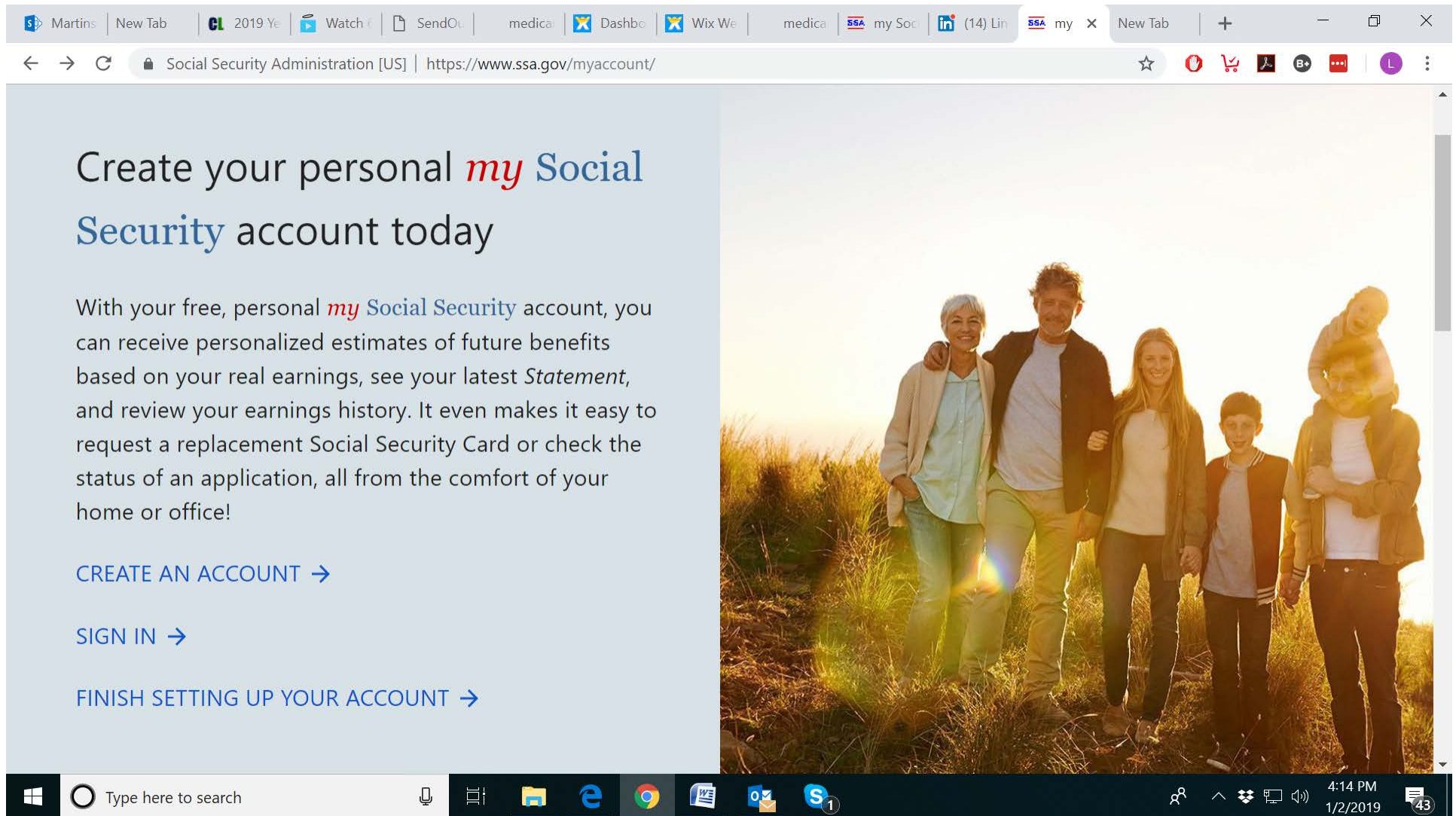


My Social Security account with SSA: first I went to [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>. The page has a light blue header and a main content area. On the left, there is a text-based introduction to the 'my Social Security' account, followed by three blue links: 'CREATE AN ACCOUNT →', 'SIGN IN →', and 'FINISH SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT →'. On the right, there is a large photograph of a diverse family of six (two adults and four children) standing in a field of tall grass at sunset. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom, showing the search bar and several application icons.

Create your personal **my Social Security** account today

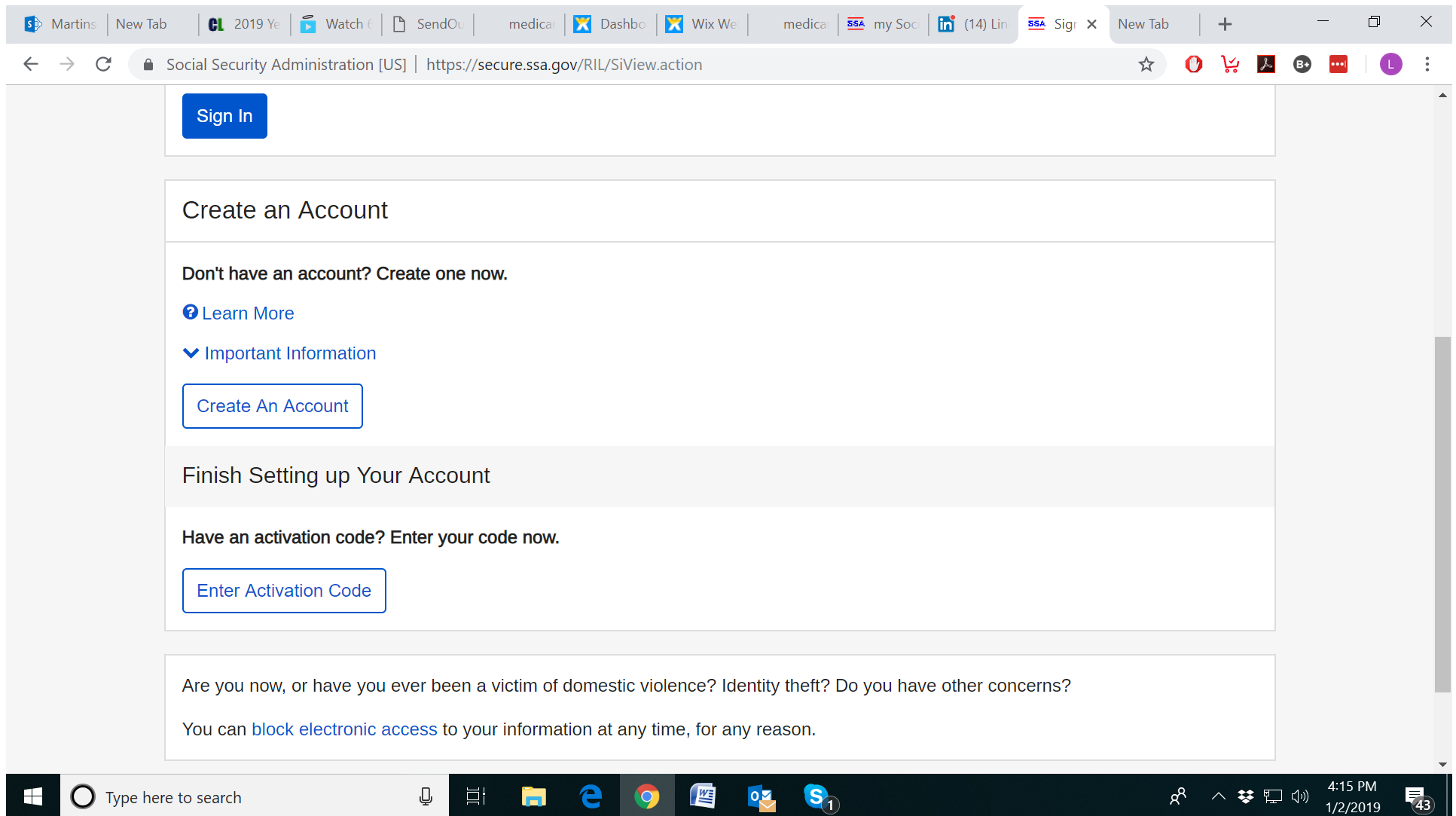
With your free, personal **my Social Security** account, you can receive personalized estimates of future benefits based on your real earnings, see your latest *Statement*, and review your earnings history. It even makes it easy to request a replacement Social Security Card or check the status of an application, all from the comfort of your home or office!

[CREATE AN ACCOUNT →](#)

[SIGN IN →](#)

[FINISH SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT →](#)

As shown above, I clicked on “CREATE AN ACOUNT “ then when it got to the next page, I scrolled down till I saw as shown below.



I clicked on the Blue Box that says, “Create An Account” and then I got the following page:



## Social Security

### Terms of Service

You must be able to verify some information about yourself and:

- Have a valid email address,
- Have a Social Security number,
- Have a U.S. mailing address, and
- Be at least 18 years of age.

You can only create an account using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You cannot create an account on behalf of another person or using another person's information or identity, even if you have that person's written permission.

For example, you cannot create an account for another person:

- With whom you have a business relationship
- For whom you are a representative payee, or
- For whom you are an appointed representative.

Only you can use the account that you create with us. You can never share the use of your account with anyone else under any circumstances. You can never use another person's account.

### What will we do with your information?

We use the information you give us to verify your identity against our records. We also use an external [Identity Services Provider](#) to

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We use the information you give us to verify your identity against our records. We also use an external [Identity Services Provider](#) to verify your information against their records. We do not share your Social Security number with them, and they keep your information only for the period of time permitted by federal laws, regulations, or guidelines.

When you make a verification request to establish your account, our [Identity Services Provider](#) may use information from your credit report to help verify your identity. As a result, you may see a “soft” inquiry entry on your credit report with the [Identity Services Provider](#), indicating that the Social Security Administration made an inquiry at your request and the date of that request. Soft inquiries do not affect your credit score, and you do not incur any charges related to them. Soft inquiries are displayed in the version of the credit report provided to a consumer and are not reported to lenders. Soft inquiries will not appear on your credit report from other providers. Soft inquiries are generally removed from your credit report after 12 months. Once you have registered for an online account, you will not generate additional soft inquiries by logging in to access our services.

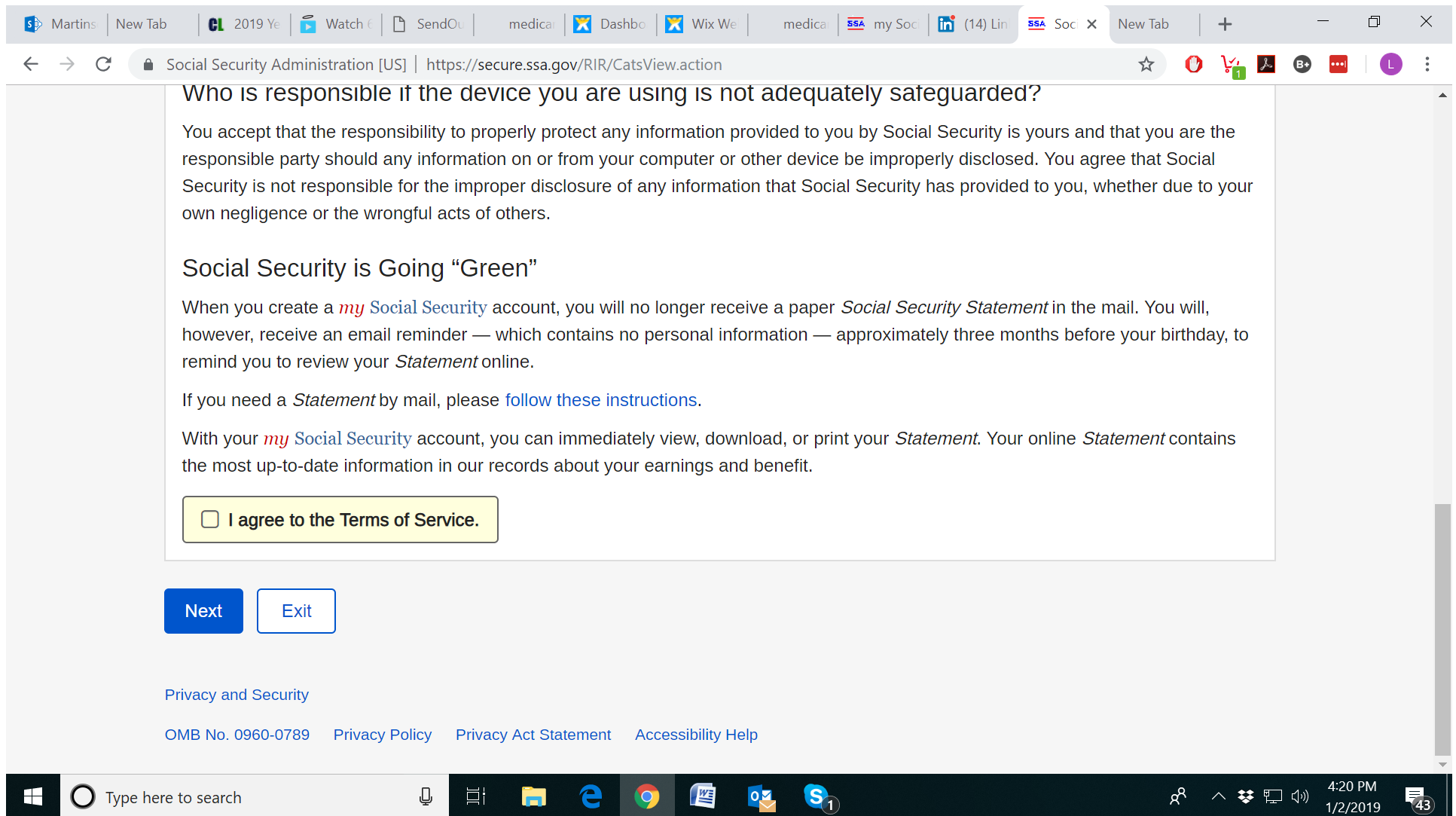
### What happens if you provide false information or misuse this service?

You may be subject to criminal or civil penalties, or both, if you provide false or misleading statements to sign in or create an account or engage in unauthorized use of this service.

### Who is responsible if the device you are using is not adequately safeguarded?

You accept that the responsibility to properly protect any information provided to you by Social Security is yours and that you are the responsible party should any information on or from your computer or other device be improperly disclosed. You agree that Social Security is not responsible for the improper disclosure of any information that Social Security has provided to you, whether due to your own negligence or the wrongful acts of others.

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I clicked on the box next to “I agree to the Terms of Service” and clicked on “Next”

And I got the following page:



# Social Security

Please tell us who you are

## Your Name

As shown on your Social Security card.

First

M.I.

Last

Suffix

## Social Security Number (SSN)

## Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

## Home Address:

We cannot accept a business address unless it is also the place where you live. The information you provide here will not update any information we have on file.

Line 1

Line 2

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City/Town State/Territory ZIP Code

Primary Phone: ? I don't have a phone number.  
We only need this to verify your identity.  
10-digit Number

Add extra security

You may add an extra level of security to your account by entering an upgrade code that we will send you in the mail.

Would you like to request an upgrade code now?

☐ Yes, let's start now.

☐ No, maybe later.

Next Exit

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I filled out my info and clicked on “Next” and then I got the following page:



## Social Security

Please tell us about yourself

[? Why are these questions important?](#)

Your credit file indicates you may have an auto loan/lease, opened in or around December 2015. Who is the credit provider for this account?

- ☐ FLADEBOE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.
- ☐ GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY
- ☐ SUZUKI AMERICAN CREDIT
- ☐ THE MONEY STORE AUTO FINANCE
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE

What is the total monthly payment for the above-referenced account?

- ☐ \$125 - \$174
- ☐ \$175 - \$224
- ☐ \$225 - \$274
- ☐ \$275 - \$324



Your credit file indicates you may have a bank card, opened in or around August 2003. Who is the credit provider for this account?

<input type="radio"/> BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
<input type="radio"/> STATE FARM
<input type="radio"/> U.S. BANCORP
<input type="radio"/> UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION
<input type="radio"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE

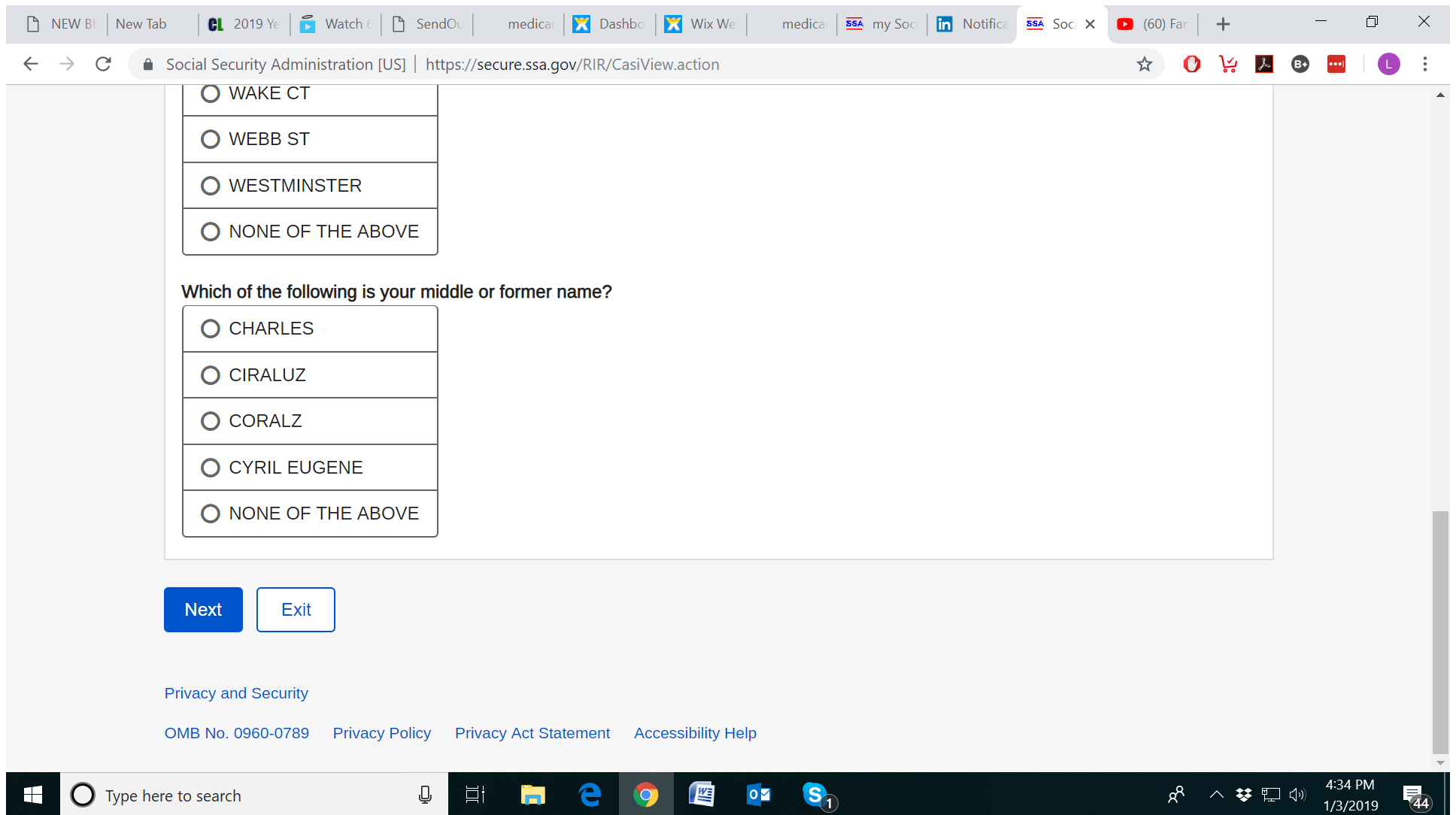
On which of the following streets have you lived?

<input type="radio"/> WACO CT
<input type="radio"/> WAKE CT
<input type="radio"/> WEBB ST
<input type="radio"/> WESTMINSTER
<input type="radio"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE

Which of the following is your middle or former name?

☐ CHARLES


☐ CIRALUZ



I was pretty sure I answered correctly, but I got the dreaded 24 hour lock-out anyway (see next page).

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 **Social Security**

**!** We have suspended electronic access to your personal information.

We tried to match the information you provided with our records, but were unable to do so. You may try to access the electronic information again after 24 hours. Please verify your personal information again before trying to use this online service.

This suspension will not affect any Social Security benefits you receive. For further assistance, please [contact us](#).

Exit

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More than 24 hours later I went back and again clicked on “Create an Account.”

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Then I went through the same type stuff as originally described above but with a different question or two posed to me. It worked this time and I then proceeded to the page to choose user name and password and security questions.

That worked and then I gave them my cell phone number so they could text me a security code as an additional safety measure. It came and I entered it and clicked submit and I got the following:

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 **Social Security**

✔ **Congratulations! You have successfully set up your *my* Social Security account.**

In the future, you will use two steps to sign in to your account.

- Step 1: Enter your **username** and **password**.
- Step 2: Enter the **security code** that we will send you.

You can add other ways to receive security codes on the Security Settings tab on the *my* Social Security home page.

### How can I protect my information?

Please keep your information safe. Do not share your password with anyone.

[? Tips for protecting your identity](#)

**Next** Exit

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Yay, I did it! I clicked on Next and I was in! My assistant tried all this and did not get locked out at first but made it on her first try. So far I have talked to other clients some who got locked out on the first try and some who didn't.

In any case at this point, I'll have this part out of the way and be ready to sign up for Parts A and B when the time comes, as you too can do.