

ACTION ALERT

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016, SSI RATES ARE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>LIVING SITUATIONS</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Household of Another	\$488.67	\$ <u>9.33</u> *	\$498.00
Sharing/Independent	\$733.00	\$ <u>14.00</u> *	\$747.00
Personal Care/AFC	\$733.00	\$157.50	\$890.50
COUPLE-House of Another	\$733.34	\$ <u>13.96</u> *	\$747.30
COUPLE-Independent	\$1,100.00	\$ <u>21.00</u> *	\$1,121.00

*The payment of the state supplement to SSI is sent on a quarterly basis, by either a paper check or via direct deposit, from the Michigan government to recipients at the "Household of Another" and the "Sharing/Independent" rates. Benefit payment checks (or direct deposits) are forwarded during the months of: March, June, September and December. For persons receiving only an SSI supplement amount due to the presence of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and/or earned income, the state supplement will not be paid. Affected individuals must apply separately for Medicaid at a local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") office.

1. The "personal needs income" or "incidental needs allowance" for 2016 remains at \$44.00 per month for Adult Foster Care recipients (Personal Care). The monthly AFC payment for 2016 is \$846.50. The SSI personal allowance for residents of a nursing home is \$30 federal and \$7 state for total of \$37.00.
2. **NOTE:** There is no cost-of-living ("C.O.L.A.") increase with either SSI or SSDI benefits for 2016.
3. There is an additional State Medicaid Personal Care Supplement check that is paid directly to providers of Adult Foster Care. The amount for 2016 (became effective: 10/1/14) remains at \$203.92 per month per resident.
4. For concurrent recipients of SSI and SSDI (old age, survivors, widows, disability, and disabled adult child) benefits, the total of the two checks is \$20.00 more than SSI alone for the specific living situation.
5. Most Medicare "Part B" recipients (i.e., single persons with annual incomes below \$85,000, and married filing jointly below \$170,000) will see their 2016 monthly premium remain at **\$104.90** (rounded up to \$105.00), that is, if they already had Medicare prior to 1/1/2016. For new enrollees beginning 1/1/2016, the Part B premium is set at \$121.80. If the state of Michigan pays the Part B premium due to your eligibility for Medicaid, the state will have to pay the \$121.80. As always, persons with higher incomes will pay a significantly higher premium.
6. The SSDI Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) work earnings ceiling for 2016 is increased to **\$1,130.00** (\$1,820.00 if recipient is blind). The Trial Work Period threshold for 2016 is now at **\$810.00**.
7. The 2016 SSI asset limits remain at **\$2,000.00** for an individual and **\$3,000.00** for a couple.