

ACTION ALERT

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, SSI RATES ARE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>LIVING SITUATIONS</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Household of Another	\$490.00	\$ <u>9.33</u> *	\$499.33
Sharing/Independent	\$735.00	\$ <u>14.00</u> *	\$749.00
Personal Care/AFC	\$735.00	\$157.50	\$892.50
COUPLE-House of Another	\$735.34	\$ <u>13.96</u> *	\$749.30
COUPLE-Independent	\$1,103.00	\$ <u>21.00</u> *	\$1,124.00

*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 2017 remains at \$44.00 per month for Adult Foster Care recipients (Personal Care). The monthly AFC payment for 2017 is \$848.50. The SSI personal allowance for residents of a nursing home is \$30 federal and \$7 state for total of \$37.00.
2. **NOTE:** The cost-of-living ("C.O.L.A.") increase with either SSI or SSDI benefits 0.3% for 2017.
3. There is an additional State Medicaid Personal Care Supplement check that is paid directly to providers of Adult Foster Care. The amount for 2017 is \$218.92 (eff. 10/1/16) 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 2017 monthly premium increase from **\$104.90** to **\$109.00**. For enrollees who began Part B on or after 1/1/2016 and for those starting in 2017, the Part B monthly premium increases from \$121.80 to \$134.00. If the state of Michigan pays the Part B premium due to your eligibility for Medicaid, the state will have to pay the \$134.00. As always, persons with higher incomes will pay a significantly higher premium.
6. The SSDI Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) work earnings ceiling for 2017 is increased to **\$1,170.00** (\$1,950.00 if recipient is blind). The Trial Work Period threshold for 2017 is now at **\$840.00**.
7. The 2017 SSI asset limits remain at **\$2,000.00** for an individual and **\$3,000.00** for a couple.

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