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JANUARY 2011 RSDI/SSI COLA

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| <p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> | <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center and Non Cash Assistance Food Stamp (NCA FS) Center staff that there will be no cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Retirement Survivors Disability Insurance (RSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for January 2011.</p> <p>The Social Security Act provides for an increase in Social Security and SSI benefits if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the third quarter of the last year that a COLA was determined to the third quarter of the current year. Since there was no increase in the CPI from the third quarter of the last year a COLA was determined (2008) to the third quarter of 2010, there will be no COLA for Social Security and SSI benefits for 2011.</p> <p>Since the SSI benefits for 2011 are unchanged from 2010, the attached SSI Benefit Levels Chart effective January 1, 2011 (Attachment A) reflects the change in date but retains the same benefit levels as in 2010.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>Attachment A SSI Benefit Levels Chart effective January 1, 2011</p> |

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SSI Benefit Levels Chart effective January 1, 2011 (reflects the 0% federal COLA for January 2011)

| Fed L/A Code | State Supp Code | New York State Living Arrangement | Individual | | | Couple | | |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Federal | State | TOTAL ¹ | Federal | State | TOTAL ¹ |
| A | A | Living Alone | \$674 | \$87 | \$761 | \$1,011 | \$104 | \$1,115 |
| A, C (B) | B (F) | Living With Others (Living in the Household of Another) ² | 674 (449.34) | 23 | 697 (472.34) | 1,011 (674.00) | 46 | 1,057 (720.00) |
| A | C | Congregate Care Level 1 - Family Care <input type="checkbox"/> OCFS certified Family Type Homes <input type="checkbox"/> OMH or OMRDD certified Family Care Homes <i>NYC, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties</i> | 674 | 266.48 | 940.48 | 1,011 | 869.96 | 1,880.96 |
| | | <i>Rest of State</i> | 674 | 228.48 | 902.48 | 1,011 | 793.96 | 1,804.96 |
| A | D | Congregate Care Level 2 - Residential Care <input type="checkbox"/> DOH certified Residences for Adults <input type="checkbox"/> OMH or OMRDD certified Community Residences, Individualized Residential Alternatives and OASAS certified Chemical Dependence Residential Services <i>NYC, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties</i> | 674 | 435 | 1,109 | 1,011 | 1,207 | 2,218 |
| | | <i>Rest of State</i> | 674 | 405 | 1,079 | 1,011 | 1,147 | 2,158 |
| A | E | Congregate Care Level 3 - Enhanced Residential Care <input type="checkbox"/> DOH certified Adult Homes and Enriched Housing programs <input type="checkbox"/> OMRDD certified Schools for the Mentally Retarded | 674 | 694 | 1,368 | 1,011 | 1,725 | 2,736 |
| D | Z | Title XIX (Medicaid certified) Institutions ³ | 30 | 0 ⁴ | 30 ⁴ | 60 | 0 ⁴ | 60 ⁴ |
| A | Z | (see below) ⁵ | 674 | 0 | 674 | 1,011 | 0 | 1,011 |

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| Minimum Personal Needs Allowances <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Level 1 - \$130 <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Level 2 - \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Level 3 - \$178 | Limits on Countable Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals \$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Couples \$3,000 | Revised 18 Oct 2010 Statutory References: Chap. 58 of L. 2010 |
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- ¹ The combined federal and State SSI benefit provided to eligible individuals and eligible couples with no countable income.
- ² The *Living With Others* category includes recipients whose federal benefit has been reduced by the "value of the 1/3 reduction" (VTR) due to the federal determination that they are both:
 - a) living in someone else's household, and
 - b) receiving some amount of free or subsidized food and shelter (room and board).
- ³ Applies when an SSI recipient is residing in a medical facility, is not expected to return home within 90 days, and Medicaid is paying for at least 50% of the cost of care.
- ⁴ Recipients in nursing homes licensed by DOH receive an additional monthly grant of \$25 issued by OTDA called a State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance (SSPNA). Residents of other medical facilities receive an SSPNA of \$5.
- ⁵ This zero federally-administered State supplement applies:
 - a) when an SSI recipient is residing in a private medical facility and Medicaid is paying for less than 50% of the cost of care, or
 - b) when a recipient resides in certain publicly operated residential facilities serving 16 or fewer residents, or
 - c) while a recipient resides in a public emergency shelter for 6 calendar months during a 9 month period.