



# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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### JANUARY 2010 RSDI/SSI COLA

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>No increase in the CPI.</p> <p> Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.</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) for January 2010.</p> <p>Every year, recipients of RSDI and SSI usually receive a COLA increase which is based on the annual change in the Federal Consumer Price Index (CPI).</p> <p>Because the Federal COLA benefits for 2010 are unchanged from 2009, the attached SSI Benefits Levels Chart for 2010 (<b>Attachment A</b>) reflects the change in date, but retains the same Federal COLA benefits as in 2009.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p><a href="#">09-INF-22</a></p> <p><b>Related Item:</b></p> <p><a href="#">PD #09-01-ELI</a></p> <p><b>Attachment:</b></p> <p><b>Attachment A</b>     SSI Benefit Levels Chart (effective January 1, 2010)</p>

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### SSI Benefit Levels Chart effective January 1, 2010 (reflects the 0% federal COLA for January 2010)

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

**Minimum Personal Needs Allowances**

- Congregate Care Level 1 - \$130
- Congregate Care Level 2 - \$150
- Congregate Care Level 3 - \$178

**Limits on Countable Resources**

- Individuals \$2,000
- Couples \$3,000

Statutory References: Chap. 57 of L. 2009

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<sup>1</sup> The combined federal and State SSI benefit provided to eligible individuals and eligible couples with no countable income.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.