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**ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER**

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TO: Commissioners of Social Services

SUBJECT: Pass-through of 6.4% Federal Increase to SSI Recipients, effective 10/1/76

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Commissioners SSI Coordinators

I. Purpose

The purpose of this administrative letter is to explain the effects of recent legislation which provides for a pass-through of the 6.4% increase in Federal benefits to SSI recipients, in specific living arrangements, effective 10/1/76.

This release relates only to new benefit levels and revised living arrangement categories. Separate releases will be issued regarding the effects of this legislation on Medical Assistance and local liability and current billing procedures.

II. Contact Persons

Any questions concerning this release should be directed to Bob Dawes or Bill Lenihan, Bureau of Supplemental and Emergency Assistance, at (800) 342-3710, extension 7-2171 or extension 7-4827.

III. Background

Effective 7/1/76, the Federal SSI Benefit was increased by 6.4%. At this time, the State Supplementation amount was decreased by an amount equal to the Federal increase. Thus, the total SSI Benefit will remain the same as it was prior to 7/1/76 with the exception of individuals living with others. (See attachment A for benefit levels effective 7/1/76 - 9/30/76).

IV. Program Implications

The new legislation provides that effective 10/1/76, the State will increase its optional supplementation payment to specific categories of SSI recipients, thereby effecting a pass-through of the 6.4% Federal increase.

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs INFs	Dept. Regs.	Social Services Law and Other Legal References	Bulletin/Chapter Reference	Miscellaneous References
none				

The recipients to whom the pass-through applies are those currently categorized as Living Alone (Opt. Supp. "A"), Living with Others (Opt. Supp. "B") and Living in the Home of Others (Opt. Supp. "F").

In order to comply with Federal regulations a supplementation category will be eliminated, effective 10/1/76, by combining the "Living in the Home of Others" category (Opt. Supp. "F") with the "Living with Others" category (Opt. Supp. "B"). Recipients formerly categorized as either of the above will begin receiving identical supplement amounts effective 10/1/76. As a result of this change recipients "Living in the Home of Others" (Opt. Supp. "F") will not receive the full 6.4% increase, but only a portion of it.

Those recipients living in Congregate Care situations and those converted cases who are receiving mandatory state supplements in excess of optional supplementation levels will not be included in this pass-through. Title XIX Facility residents (Opt. Supp. "Z") are not eligible for pass-through, per Federal regulations.

New benefit levels effective 10/1/76 are shown in attachment B.

Attachments

Blanche Bernstein

Deputy Commissioner

for

Income Maintenance

Living Arrangement	Optional Supp. Code*	Federal Living Arrangement Code	Federal Benefit		State Supplement		Total SSI Benefit	
			Ind.	Couple	Ind.	Couple	Ind.	Couple
Living Alone	A	A	167.80	251.80	50.75	60.74	218.55	312.54
Living W/Others	B	A,C	167.80	251.80	-	11.74	167.80	263.54
<u>Family Care</u>								
Family Type Home Foster Care for Adults Family Care Home								
New York City	C	A	167.80	251.80	123.90	331.60	291.70	583.40
Rest of State	C	A	167.80	251.80	68.90	221.60	236.70	473.40
<u>Residential Care for Mentally Disabled</u>								
Half-way House Hostel NYS Board of Social Welfare Certified Homes Community Residence								
D		A	167.80	251.80	218.90	521.60	386.7	773.40
<u>Residential Treatment</u>								
Residential Treatment Facility for Mentally Disabled								
New York City	E	A	167.80	251.80	482.90	1049.60	650.70	1701.40
Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan & Westchester	E	A	167.80	251.80	458.90	1001.60	626.70	1253.40
Rest of State	E	A	167.80	251.80	143.90	371.60	311.70	623.40
Living in the Home of Others	F	B	111.87	167.87	6.78	24.81	118.65	192.68
Title XIX Institution	Z	D	25.00	50.00	0	0	25.00	50.00

\* Position 974 in the SDX

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			Ind.	Couple	Ind.	Couple	Ind.	Couple
Living Alone	A	A	167.80	251.80	60.85	75.94	228.65	327.74
Living W/Others	B	A,C	167.80	251.80	8.18	26.94	175.98	278.74
<u>Family Care</u>								
Family Type Home Foster Care for Adults Family Care Home New York City	C	A	167.80	251.80	123.90	331.60	291.70	583.40
Rest of State	C	A	167.80	251.80	68.90	221.60	236.70	473.40
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Rest of State	E	A	167.80	251.80	143.90	371.60	311.70	623.40
Living in the Home of Others	F	B	111.87	167.87	8.15	26.94	120.02	194.81
Title XIX Institution	Z	D	25.00	50.00	0	0	25.00	50.00