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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

TRANSMITTAL NO.: 78 INF-21
 [Income Maintenance]

TO: Commissioners of Social Services

SUBJECT: Pass-Through of the Federal Cost-of-Living
 Increases to SSI Recipients and Increases in
 State Supplementation Payments

DATE: September 11, 1978

SUGGESTED
 DISTRIBUTION: Public Assistance Executive Staff
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I. Purpose:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Chapter 454 of the Laws of 1978 which authorizes a "pass-through" of the July 1978 federal cost-of-living increases to most SSI recipients in New York State and increases the State supplementation amount provided to some SSI recipients residing in congregate care facilities.

The same legislation also increases the eligibility standards for certain MA-Only households. The impact of this increase in MA-Only eligibility standards and impact of the pass-through on the Medicare buy-in list is covered by 78 ADM-53 dated July 11, 1978.

II. Background:

A) Effective July 1, 1978, the federal SSI benefit has been increased by 6.5%. This represents an increase of \$11.60 for individuals and \$17.40 for couples.

FILING REFERENCES

Previous INFs/ADMs	Dept. Regs.	Social Services Law and Other Legal References	Bulletin/Chapter Reference	Miscellaneous References
76 ADM-68		SSL 209		SSI State Manual
76 ADM-71				
77 ADM-46				
77 ADM-71				
77 INF-15				
78 ADM-53				
78 ADM-66				

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NOTE: (continued)

For example, an individual living alone receiving both SSI and regular Social Security benefits would have \$11.60 more total income after July 1, 1978. If his Social Security benefit increased by \$6.00, his SSI check would have increased by \$5.60. If his Social Security benefit increased by \$15.00, his SSI check would have decreased by \$3.40. In either situation, the recipient would have \$11.60 more total income.

III. Additional Information

Section 3 of Chapter 454 of the Laws of 1978 contains a provision which protects local districts from increases in the local share of state supplementation costs which are in excess of the local share incurred from January 1, 1978 through March 31, 1978 and are attributable to increases in the state standards of need established by Chapter 454 of the Laws of 1978.

Since Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1978 provides for a state takeover of the local share of state supplementation costs for a two-year period commencing on October 1, 1978 for New York City and commencing July 1, 1978 for all other local districts, only New York City is affected by the "hold harmless" provision of Chapter 454.

See 78 ADM 66 for further information regarding Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1978.

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SSI BENEFIT LEVELS: EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1978

<u>Fed L/A Code</u>	<u>State Supp. Code</u>	<u>Living Arrangement</u>	<u>Federal Benefit</u>		<u>State Supplement</u>		<u>Total Benefit</u>	
			<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Couple</u>
A	A	Living Alone	189.40	284.10	60.85	75.94	250.25	360.04
A,C	B	Living With Others	189.40	284.10	8.18	26.94	197.58	311.04
B	F	Living in Household of Another	126.27	189.40	8.18	26.94	134.45	216.34
A	C	<u>Level I Family Care</u>						
		a) Family Type Home						
		b) Foster Care for Adults						
		c) Family Care Home						
		<u>New York City</u>	189.40	284.10	123.90	342.50	313.30	626.60
		<u>Rest of State</u>	189.40	284.10	85.90	266.50	275.30	550.60
A	D	<u>Level II Residential Care</u>						
		a) DSS Certified Facilities for Adults	189.40	284.10	254.80	604.30	444.20	888.40
		b) Community Residences						
A	E	<u>Level III School for the Mentally Retarded</u>						
		<u>New York City</u>	189.40	284.10	482.90	1,060.50	672.30	1344.60
		<u>Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Westchester</u>	189.40	284.10	458.90	1,012.50	648.30	1296.60
		<u>Rest of State</u>	189.40	284.10	143.90	382.50	333.30	666.60
D	Z	Title XIX Institution	25.00	50.00	0	0	25.00	50.00