

# ODP Announcement

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Increase for Calendar Year 2018

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### ODP Communication Number: Memo 002-18

*The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.*

**AUDIENCE:** Providers of Residential Habilitation services and Life Sharing for the Consolidated Waiver and Community Living Waivers, providers of base-funded Residential Habilitation and Life Sharing services, and all other interested parties.

**PURPOSE:** This Office of Developmental Programs announcement is intended to communicate that the Federal SSI payment will increase beginning January 2018.

#### DISCUSSION:

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SSI is a Federal income supplement program that pays benefits to an adult or child with a disability and who has limited income and resources. It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have little or no income and provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

The monthly maximum Federal SSI payment amounts increase with the cost-of-living increases that apply to Social Security benefits. The latest such increase, 2.0 percent, is effective January 2018. Effective January 2018, the monthly maximum Federal SSI benefits are \$750 for an eligible individual, \$1,125 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$ 376 for an essential person. The monthly maximum Federal SSI amounts for 2017 were \$735 for an eligible individual, \$1,103 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$368 for an essential person. There is no anticipated increase in the State Supplementary Payment (SSP) for 2018.

Room and Board contracts should be adjusted accordingly. For more specific information regarding the room and board requirements for waiver funded Residential Habilitation and Life Sharing services, please see 55 Pa. Code sections 51.121 -51.128. The Room and Board Contract under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 51 is also identified as **DP 1051**.

For more specific information regarding SSI, review the U.S. Social Security Administration website located at the following hyperlink: <http://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/SSI.html>.

**OBSOLETE DOCUMENT:**

Effective January 1, 2018 this announcement obsoletes Announcement 087-16, *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Increase for Calendar Year 2017*.