

Social Security Administration (SSA) Announces 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

ODP Announcement 21-091

AUDIENCE:

- Residential Habilitation or Life Sharing providers who collect room and board fees from individuals enrolled in the Consolidated, Community Living, and Adult Autism Waivers
- Providers of base-funded residential habilitation and life sharing services
- Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To provide notice that the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment will increase beginning January 2022.

DISCUSSION:

SSI is a Federal program that provides benefits to adults and children who meet the SSA's requirements for disability, income, and resources. This income benefit is designed to help qualified individuals meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

Periodically, a COLA affects the maximum monthly allotment. Effective January 2022, the SSA increased the SSI allotment by 5.9 percent to reflect an increase in the cost of living. This raises the maximum monthly income to \$841 for an eligible individual,

\$1,261 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$421 for an essential person.

There is no anticipated increase in the State Supplementary Payment (SSP) for 2022.

To account for the new COLA, Room and Board contracts should be reviewed to determine appropriate adjustment. The [Room and Board Contract \(DP 1051\)](#) is found on MyODP.org at the following path: Resources> Intellectual Disability> Forms. Office of Developmental Programs.

Beginning July 1, 2020, the requirements for Room and Board as established in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100, must be followed. ODP is in the process of replacing the DP 1051 form to reflect Sections §§6100.681-6100.694 that providers will begin to use. The current DP 1051 will continue to be accepted as current until the annual due date or until a change requires that a new form is completed. ODP will be releasing a bulletin to stakeholders regarding the new room and board requirements with the 6100 regulations. This bulletin will also inform stakeholders of the new form and where it can be found on myodp.org.

This announcement obsoletes Announcement 21-002 *Social Security Administration Announces 202 Cost of Living Adjustment*. For more specific information regarding SSI and the COLA, please review the [U.S. Social Security Administration website](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to your ODP Regional Office.