

GENERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
Center for Employment & Economic Supports

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TO: Subscribers**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Commissioners, TA Directors, SNAP Directors, WMS Coordinators,
Staff Development Coordinators, Financial Directors**FROM:** Phyllis D. Morris, Deputy Commissioner
Center for Employment and Economic Supports**SUBJECT:** Transition of State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance (SSPNA) Benefits
to Direct Deposit**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately**CONTACT PERSON:** CEES SSP Bureau at 518-408-4757

The purpose of this GIS is to advise local Social Services Districts (SSDs) that the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is changing the method of payment to most State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance (SSPNA) recipients from paper check to direct deposit. Those SSPNA recipients who use direct deposit for their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit will have their SSPNA directly deposited into the same bank account. Benefit amounts remain the same. SSPNA recipients will continue to receive a monthly benefit of either \$5 or \$25 from New York State. Recipients who receive their SSI benefits by check will continue to receive their SSPNA by check.

The transition began for a small number of SSPNA recipients in May 2014. The remaining SSPNA recipients, approximately 8,000, will be converted to direct deposit with the issuance of the August 2014 benefit.

A notice, in both English and Spanish, was mailed during the week of July 7 to those impacted by this change. A sample of the English version of notice is attached.

Any questions regarding SSPNA that SSDs receive from recipients or residential care facilities should be directed to the OTDA State Supplement Program Bureau at 1-855-488-0541.

There is no impact or required action for local SSDs.

Attachment



SAMPLE

July 2014

Dear SSPNA Recipient:

Beginning in August, instead of sending you a paper check for your State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance (SSPNA), we will directly deposit your monthly payment into the same bank account as your federal SSI payment. You will receive your SSPNA deposit on or before the first of each month. This will provide a safer and more convenient way to access your SSPNA benefit.

This will **not change** your eligibility for SSPNA or the amount of your SSPNA benefit.

Please note that we rely on information received from the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) to provide you with the correct SSPNA benefit. You should continue to report any changes in circumstances, such as a new address or new banking information, to SSA.

If you have any questions, please call us toll free at 1-855-488-0541.

SSPNA Unit
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1-855-488-0541

Important Notice: If you need help reading this notice, please call the above phone number.

AR:

تنويه هام

1-855-488-0541

تنويه هام: إذا كنت تحتاج إلى مساعدة في قراءة هذا الإخطار يرجى الاتصال برقم الهاتف أعلاه.

CH:

重要通知

1-855-488-0541

重要通知: 如需要協助閱讀本通知, 請撥打上列電話號碼。

RU:

ВНИМАНИЕ!

1-855-488-0541

Внимание! Если вам необходима помощь для того, чтобы ознакомиться с этим уведомлением, позвоните, пожалуйста, по указанному выше номеру телефона.

SP:

Aviso importante

1-855-488-0541

Aviso importante: si necesita ayuda para leer este aviso, marque el número de teléfono indicado arriba.

HA:

AVI ENPÒTAN

1-855-488-0541

Avi Enpòtan: Si ou bezwen èd pou li avi sa a, tanpri rele nimewo telefòn ki endike anwo a.

KO:

중요 정보

1-855-488-0541

중요 정보: 이 안내와 관련하여 도움이 필요한 경우, 위의 번호로 연락해 주십시오.

IT:

AVVISO IMPORTANTE

1-855-488-0541

Avviso importante: Se occorre assistenza per leggere questo avviso, rivolgersi al numero di telefono sopra indicato.