

## Attachment A

### Definitions

Direct Payment Process	A method of disbursing retroactive SSI benefits that the SSA uses when the SSA sends an individual's entire initial retroactive SSI check to the SSD and the SSD must accurately and timely disburse the funds, compile records and send appropriate notice.
Initial Payment	The total amount of SSI benefits payable to an eligible individual (including retroactive amounts, if any) at the time the first payments of SSI benefits are made or at the time SSI benefits are first reinstated following a period of suspension or termination, but does not include any emergency advance payments or presumptive disability or blindness payments authorized by SSA.
Initial Post Eligibility Payment	The first payment of SSI benefits made at the time SSI benefits are first reinstated following a period of suspension or termination.
Installment Payments	A method of disbursing initial SSI benefits the SSA is required by law to utilize when the past due SSI benefits <u>exceeds</u> three (3) times the maximum monthly SSI benefit (Federal benefit rate plus the federally administered State supplement amount). The SSA disburses the IAR from the initial SSI amount directly to the SSD and any remaining funds to the SSI recipient in installments.
Interim Assistance (IA)	Assistance furnished to an individual financed totally from State and /or local funds, for meeting basic needs and provided while the applicant is pending a SSI eligibility determination or post eligibility determination.
Interim Assistance Period	The period of time between which an SNA recipient was eligible for payment of SSI benefits and the time the individual actually received an initial SSI payment or the following month if the SSD cannot promptly stop making the last SNA payment.
Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR)	Reimbursement by SSA to the State for interim assistance furnished to TA recipients during the months their SSI applications are pending and/or during the months their SSI benefits have been suspended or terminated and reinstated.
Presumptive Payments	In certain disability claims where the SSI applicant is severely disabled or blind the SSA may provide presumptive payments for up to six months. Presumptive payments are authorized to provide SSI benefits while the disability determination is pending.
Protective Filing	A written statement by an individual indicating intent to claim SSI benefits received at an SSA office or another federal or State office designated by the SSA to receive applications on behalf of the SSA or by a person so authorized.
Recertification Date	The date a signed and dated recertification form is submitted to the SSD.

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SSI Benefits	SSI benefits means Supplemental Security Income payments made under Title XVI of the Social Security Act and any State supplementary payments made under article 5, title 6 of the Social Services Law.
State Supplement	Monthly payments funded by NYS to SSI recipients and administered by the SSA. State supplement payments are added to a SSI recipient's monthly SSI benefit.
Working Days	Any normal day the Office is open is counted as a working day. Holidays and weekends are not counted as a working day.