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Section 1

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Subject:	Social Security Administration (SSA) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for January 2013 – SSI Benefit Levels Chart
Suggested Distribution:	Local District Commissioners, TA, FS, & MA Directors, WMS, SSI Max, CAP & Staff Development Coordinators
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Attachments:	Attachment 1 – SSI Benefit Levels Chart Effective January 1, 2013
Attachment Available On – Line:	https://otda.state.nyenet/dta/DeskGuide/dgSSl13.pdf

Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
11-INF-12 10-INF-23 09-INF-22 09-INF-14 08-INF-19 07-INF-16 06-INF-33 05-INF-22 04 INF-22 03 INF-40 02 INF-35 01 INF-27 01 INF-15 97 ADM-1		18 NYCRR 352.8(c) (1)(ii)	Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2012; Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2011; Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2010; Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2009; Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2008; Chapter 132 of the Laws of 2007; Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2006; Chapter 515 of the Laws of 2006; Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2005		ABEL Transmittal 11-4 ABEL Transmittal 08-3 ABEL Transmittal 07-3 ABEL Transmittal 06-4 ABEL Transmittal 05-6 ABEL Transmittal 04-4 GIS 09 TAWMS036 GIS 05 TA/DC042 GIS 00 TA/DC021 GIS 99 TA/DC021

Section 2

I. Purpose

To inform social services districts that the January 1, 2013, cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for RSDI (Title II - regular and disability Social Security benefits) and SSI (Title XVI – Supplemental Security Income) has been set at 1.7%; and

To provide social services districts with the SSI Benefit Levels Chart effective January 1, 2013.

II. Background

The Social Security Administration (SSA) adjusts RSDI and federal SSI benefits to reflect the increase in the cost of living. This increase is based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the last year a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was determined to the third quarter of the current year.

III. Program Implications

This year there was an increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2011 (the last year a COLA was determined) to the third quarter of 2012, and as a result RSDI and SSI recipients will receive a COLA in 2013.

The 2013 COLA for RSDI and federal SSI benefits has been set at 1.7%. As authorized by Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2012, the full amount of the 2013 federal COLA will be passed along to all recipients of optional or mandatory SSI State supplementation. Residents of Congregate Care facilities will also see an increase in their Personal Needs Allowances (PNAs).

The attached SSI Benefit Levels for 2013 chart reflects the 1.7% federal COLA increase and the statutory change noted above. It is provided as a resource for informational purposes. The chart can also be viewed on CentraPort under Desk Guides and on the OTDA Intranet site within the Center for Employment and Economic Supports under Desk Guides/Aids. The increases in income of Temporary Assistance (TA) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will be addressed by the annual Mass Rebudgeting. See ABEL Transmittal 12-7 and GIS 12 TA/WMS049.

The 2013 Medicare Part B Premium Amount will be \$104.90, a \$5 increase from the 2012 premium of \$99.90. Those who filed an individual tax return in 2011 with a yearly income of \$85,000 or less and those who filed a joint tax return with a yearly income of \$170,000 or less will pay \$104.90 in 2013 for a Part B premium. Those who filed an individual tax return in 2011 with a yearly income above \$85,000 and up to \$107,000, or those who filed a joint tax return with a yearly income above \$170,000 and up to \$214,000 or less will pay \$146.90 in 2013.

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