



Informational Letter

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Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter is to inform social services districts (districts) that the January 1, 2025, federal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Title II Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) Social Security benefits and Title XVI

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits has been set at 2.5%. The 2025 SSI and State Supplement Program (SSP) Maximum Monthly Benefit Levels Chart, which has an effective date of January 1, 2025, is attached.

II. Background

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

III. Program Implications

Recipients of RSDI and SSI will have a COLA of 2.5% applied to benefits beginning in January 2025.

As authorized by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2024, the full amount of the 2025 federal COLA will be passed along to all recipients of optional or mandatory SSI State supplementation.

Please note, the corresponding Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for persons in Congregate Care Levels 1, 2 and 3 have increased from their 2024 levels. Residents of Congregate Care Level 1 facilities will see an increase in their PNA of \$5.00 to \$186.00. Congregate Care Level 2 recipients will see their PNA increase \$5.00 to \$213.00 and the PNA for Congregate Care Level 3 recipients will increase \$6.00 to \$255.00. These increases are effective January 1, 2025.

The attached 2025 SSI and SSP Maximum Monthly Benefit Levels Chart reflects the 2.5% federal COLA increase and the statutory change noted above. The chart is provided as a resource for informational purposes. The chart is also on [CentraPort](#) under Desk Guides and on the OTDA [Intranet](#) website as well as on the OTDA [Internet](#). The increase in income that results from the COLA for Temporary Assistance (TA) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will be addressed in upcoming releases.

Information on Medicare premiums and how these may affect federal RSDI and SSI monthly benefit amounts can be found at: <https://www.medicare.gov/>.

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