

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF TEMPORARY & DISABILITY ASSISTANCE
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Dear Nursing Home Resident

As an SSI recipient living in a New York State certified Nursing Home facility, you are entitled to receive a total of \$55 monthly for incidental expenses. You have been receiving this entitlement in two separate payments (a \$35 payment from the federal government and a \$20 payment from the State of New York).

The \$35 federal payment has always included a \$5 contribution from New York State. Thus, you have been receiving \$30 from the Federal treasury and \$25 from the State treasury.

Beginning on October 1, 2003, the structure of these benefits will change. New York has opted to directly provide you with the total of \$25 owed to you by the State. This, when combined with your monthly federal benefit of \$30 will still total your traditional \$55 monthly benefit. **It is important to note that the total combined benefit you receive each month will not change.**

Beginning October 1, 2003 the State of New York will send your \$25 payment to the mailing address that you provided to Social Security. Please note that you will continue to receive your Federal Benefit in the same manner in which you have always received it. If you wish to Direct Deposit the \$25 payment, you must appoint your facility as your Representative Payee. If you wish to switch to Direct Deposit and to designate your facility as your Representative Payee for your Federal and State benefits, you must contact your local Social Security Office.

This process will begin with the October 2003 payment month. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance at 1-800-342-3009.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Stevens
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Temporary Assistance