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**TO:** Economic Self-Sufficiency Operations Managers  
Economic Self-Sufficiency Program Offices

**FROM:** Dianna Laffey, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Cost of Living Adjustment Increases and Other Changes

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2014

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This memorandum is to inform staff of the January 2014 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases and case actions required for the SSI and Family-Related Medicaid, Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, and Refugee Assistance Programs.

#### OVERVIEW

There will be a 1.5 percent increase in January 2014 Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, and Railroad Retirement benefits. There will also be changes in January 2014, to the eligibility standards for the SSI Program, Institutional Care Program (ICP) and ICP-related programs, and the Optional State Supplementation (OSS) program. Refer to Attachments.

#### AUTOMATIC UPDATE AND MASS CHANGES ON FLORIDA (ALL PROGRAMS)

Effective January 1, 2014, the FLORIDA system will update Social Security and SSI amounts automatically at pulldown in December. The update will affect **cases in open status, enrolled status, and cases with pending AG's**. Cases that cannot be updated automatically will be updated by 1.5 percent through a FLORIDA mass change.

When FLORIDA updates an individual's Social Security or SSI benefit amount on the AFMI screen, the old amount will have an end date of 12/31/2013 in history, and the new amount will have a begin date of 01/01/2014.

## EXCEPTION REPORTS (ALL PROGRAMS)

Cases that cannot be updated automatically, or updated by the mass change, will be listed on an exception report. The report will be available on the ACCESS Online Systems Homepage as soon as possible following the automatic update. **The Ad hoc reports must be worked by January 31, 2014.**

The following situations will be posted to the exceptions report.

- **System Determined Closed:** This condition occurs when EDBC was previously run, FLORIDA determined the assistance group needed to be closed, but staff had not closed the assistance group on the FLORIDA system.
- **Failure Reason Code 241:** If during the mass change an assistance group displays a 241 failure reason code, run EDBC and authorize as appropriate. Food assistance groups which fail due to the mass change will be closed and a termination notice will be sent by the FLORIDA system.

**NOTE: Due to Federal law prohibiting adversely affecting Family-Related Medicaid coverage prior to March 31, 2014, if the COLA increase in the above benefits results in loss of full Family-Related Medicaid coverage for any individual, do not terminate benefits until after pulldown in March 2014.**

- **Maintenance Need Allowance (MNA) Recalculation Required:** For Institutional Care Programs, when there is a community spouse allocation, the Social Security amount will be updated automatically, but, staff must run EDBC. If there are two separate cases (one for the Institutional Care Program individual and one for the community spouse), run EDBC and reauthorize the nursing home case first.

Historically, there have been other reasons for a case to appear on the mass change exception report. These exceptions still exist but will no longer be posted to the mass change exception report. Social Security and SSI income will be updated on FLORIDA, but the budget will not be affected until the next time EDBC is run. Staff must take action the next time EDBC is run.

## OTHER INFORMATION (ALL PROGRAMS)

Overpayment: If there is a discrepancy between the amount updated on FLORIDA and the verified amount of benefits, do not report this difference as an overpayment.

Verification: It is not necessary to re-verify the income if the income amount is changed by automatic update. If the income is not changed by automatic update or by the mass change, the actual amount of income must be verified when the change is reported or at the next review.

Social Security and SSI **amounts entered by staff after the mass change, must include the new benefit amount for January 2014.** FLORIDA will not update the amount of the Social Security or SSI if the new amount is already entered on the AFMI screen with a begin date of 01/01/2014.

An ad hoc report **will not be** created for individuals in receipt of Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits. Staff must verify these benefits when the change is reported or at the next review, whichever is sooner.

### **INTERIM CHANGES FOR SSI-RELATED PROGRAMS**

An interim increase of 1.5 percent has been calculated for programs that have income standards based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). These interim standards will be used for the SSI-Related programs, as indicated on Attachment 5, until the official figures are released for March 2014.

For SSI-Related programs, use the new standards for eligibility beginning January 2014 and ongoing for all applications currently pending on FLORIDA.

Staff must **NOT** terminate benefits for recipients in active SSI-Related cases that would be ineligible based on these interim standard increases. When the official Federal Poverty Level standards are released, instructions on how to process the cases will be provided.

### **Attachments**

**Attachments 1 and 2:** Instructions on processing FLORIDA and non-Florida cases.

**Attachment 3:** Cost of Living Adjustment Chart of Social Security and SSI.

**Attachment 4:** Updated conversion chart on FLORIDA and the Table for SSA income COLA Adjustments (TSCA) for Protected Medicaid cases.

**Attachment 5:** Eligibility chart containing the new income levels for each SSI-Related Program (Appendix 9).

**Attachment 6:** Chart containing OSS eligibility standards (Appendix 12).

**Attachment 7:** SSI Federal Benefit Rates (Appendix 10)

If Regional or Circuit Program Office staff should have any Medicaid questions please contact Carrie Sheffield at (850) 717-4138. For system questions contact Lynn Rossow at (850) 717-8735.

Attachments

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## FLORIDA Cases with Social Security Income

Programs	Action (Applies to All Programs)
<b>Food Assistance</b> <b>Temporary Cash Assistance</b> <b>Family-Related Medicaid</b> <b>Refugee Assistance Program</b> <b>MEDS-AD</b> <b>Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries</b> <b>Working Disabled</b> <b>Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries</b> <b>Qualifying Individuals I</b> <b>Hospice</b> <b>Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)</b> <b>Protected Medicaid</b> <b>Medically Needy (enrolled and eligible)</b> <b>Institutional Care Program- individuals</b>	<p>A desk review is <u>not</u> necessary.</p> <p><u>For Authorized cases:</u> FLORIDA will recalculate the Social Security benefit amounts and run EDBC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If customer remains eligible: FLORIDA sends notices.</li> <li>• If customer is ineligible due to a failure reason code 241, FLORIDA will take no action and the case will be listed on the exception report. The specialist must run EDBC (AABC) and take appropriate action. Food Assistance groups which fail due to the mass change will be closed and a termination notice will be sent.</li> </ul> <p>(Note: Staff must <u>not</u> take action to close an "ineligible" case based on interim Federal Poverty Level figures until the official 2014 Federal Poverty Level figures are released in the Spring 2014.)</p> <p><u>For Pending cases:</u> FLORIDA will update the Social Security benefit amounts. The specialist must rerun EDBC (AABC) and authorize as appropriate.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Desk reviews are not required for HCBS Medicaid waivers <b>except for Assisted Living Waiver, LTC Community Diversion Waiver and PACE</b> (see section below).</p> <p><b><u>Note:</u> Due to federal law prohibiting adversely affecting Family-Related Medicaid coverage prior to March 31, 2014. If the COLA increase in Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, and Railroad Retirement benefits result in loss of full Family-Related Medicaid coverage for any individual do not terminate benefits until after pulldown in March 2014.</b></p>
<b>HCBS:</b> <b>ALW</b> <b>LTC Community Diversion Waiver</b> <b>PACE</b>	<p>Staff must update the personal needs allowance and patient responsibility and send a manual notice to advise customers and providers of the revised patient responsibility.</p>

**NON-FLORIDA Cases (HCDA, OSS) with  
Social Security, SSI, VA, Civil Service, Railroad Retirement, and/or other income**

Program	Action
<b>Home Care for the Disabled</b>	A desk review is <u>not</u> necessary. At the next re-determination, verify the increase and notify the Adult Services counselor of the increased amount.
<b>OSS</b>	<p>A desk review is not necessary for cases receiving SSI only; the new amount will be automatically updated on SPS.</p> <p>For cases without SSI, the SPS will automatically update the Social Security amounts and the provider rates on the system.</p> <p><u>A desk review is necessary for all non-SSI direct assistance OSS cases in which the OSS payment is reduced due to the Cost of Living Adjustment.</u> An SPS exception report of cases requiring a desk review will be generated after the December payroll is run and forwarded under separate cover. Desk reviews must be completed by March 2014.</p> <p>Take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the new OSS cost of care for all budgets effective January 2014.</li> <li>• Complete the budget and appropriate SPS change for the January 2014 change.</li> <li>• Send a notice of adverse case action (10 day adverse action notice) to advise that the supplement is being reduced.</li> </ul> <p><b>If income is over the income limit, cancel the case, and provide 10 days advanced notice of adverse action.</b></p> <p>A warrant message regarding the change in the cost of care will be sent to all OSS recipients with their December and January warrants.</p> <p>Note: Staff must verify Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits at the next review or when the change is reported, which ever occurs sooner.</p>

SSI	Jan-12	Jan-13	Jan-14				
Individual	698	710	721				
Couple	1048	1066	1082				
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450	457	500	508	550	559	600	609
451	458	501	509	551	560	601	611
452	459	502	510	552	561	602	612
453	460	503	511	553	562	603	613
454	461	504	512	554	563	604	614
455	462	505	513	555	564	605	615
456	463	506	514	556	565	606	616
457	464	507	515	557	566	607	617
458	465	508	516	558	567	608	618
459	466	509	517	559	568	609	619
460	467	510	518	560	569	610	620
461	468	511	519	561	570	611	621
462	469	512	520	562	571	612	622
463	470	513	521	563	572	613	623
464	471	514	522	564	573	614	624
465	472	515	523	565	574	615	625
466	473	516	524	566	575	616	626
467	475	517	525	567	576	617	627
468	476	518	526	568	577	618	628
469	477	519	527	569	578	619	629
470	478	520	528	570	579	620	630
471	479	521	529	571	580	621	631
472	480	522	530	572	581	622	632
473	481	523	531	573	582	623	633
474	482	524	532	574	583	624	634
475	483	525	533	575	584	625	635
476	484	526	534	576	585	626	636
477	485	527	535	577	586	627	637
478	486	528	536	578	587	628	638
479	487	529	537	579	588	629	639
480	488	530	538	580	589	630	640
481	489	531	539	581	590	631	641
482	490	532	540	582	591	632	642
483	491	533	541	583	592	633	643
484	492	534	543	584	593	634	644
485	493	535	544	585	594	635	645
486	494	536	545	586	595	636	646
487	495	537	546	587	596	637	647
488	496	538	547	588	597	638	648
489	497	539	548	589	598	639	649
490	498	540	549	590	599	640	650
491	499	541	550	591	600	641	651
492	500	542	551	592	601	642	652
493	501	543	552	593	602	643	653
494	502	544	553	594	603	644	654
495	503	545	554	595	604	645	655
496	504	546	555	596	605	646	656
497	505	547	556	597	606	647	657
498	506	548	557	598	607	648	658
499	507	549	558	599	608	649	659

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650	660	700	711	750	762	800	812
651	661	701	712	751	763	801	814
652	662	702	713	752	764	802	815
653	663	703	714	753	765	803	816
654	664	704	715	754	766	804	817
655	665	705	716	755	767	805	818
656	666	706	717	756	768	806	819
657	667	707	718	757	769	807	820
658	668	708	719	758	770	808	821
659	669	709	720	759	771	809	822
660	670	710	721	760	772	810	823
661	671	711	722	761	773	811	824
662	672	712	723	762	774	812	825
663	673	713	724	763	775	813	826
664	674	714	725	764	776	814	827
665	675	715	726	765	777	815	828
666	676	716	727	766	778	816	829
667	678	717	728	767	779	817	830
668	679	718	729	768	780	818	831
669	680	719	730	769	781	819	832
670	681	720	731	770	782	820	833
671	682	721	732	771	783	821	834
672	683	722	733	772	784	822	835
673	684	723	734	773	785	823	836
674	684	724	735	774	785	824	837
675	686	725	736	775	787	825	838
676	687	726	737	776	788	826	839
677	688	727	738	777	789	827	840
678	689	728	739	778	790	828	841
679	690	729	740	779	791	829	842
680	691	730	741	780	792	830	843
681	692	731	742	781	793	831	844
682	693	732	743	782	794	832	845
683	694	733	744	783	795	833	846
684	695	734	746	784	796	834	847
685	696	735	747	785	797	835	848
686	697	736	748	786	798	836	849
687	698	737	749	787	799	837	850
688	699	738	750	788	800	838	851
689	700	739	751	789	801	839	852
690	701	740	752	790	802	840	853
691	702	741	753	791	803	841	854
692	703	742	754	792	804	842	855
693	704	743	755	793	805	843	856
694	705	744	756	794	806	844	857
695	706	745	757	795	807	845	858
696	707	746	758	796	808	846	859
697	708	747	759	797	809	847	860
698	709	748	760	798	810	848	861
699	710	749	761	799	811	849	862

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850	863	900	914	950	965	1000	1015
851	864	901	915	951	966	1001	1017
852	865	902	916	952	967	1002	1018
853	866	903	917	953	968	1003	1019
854	867	904	918	954	969	1004	1020
855	868	905	919	955	970	1005	1021
856	869	906	920	956	971	1006	1022
857	870	907	921	957	972	1007	1023
858	871	908	922	958	973	1008	1024
859	872	909	923	959	974	1009	1025
860	873	910	924	960	975	1010	1026
861	874	911	925	961	976	1011	1027
862	875	912	926	962	977	1012	1028
863	876	913	927	963	978	1013	1029
864	877	914	928	964	979	1014	1030
865	878	915	929	965	980	1015	1031
866	879	916	930	966	981	1016	1032
867	881	917	931	967	982	1017	1033
868	882	918	932	968	983	1018	1034
869	883	919	933	969	984	1019	1035
870	884	920	934	970	985	1020	1036
871	885	921	935	971	986	1021	1037
872	886	922	936	972	987	1022	1038
873	887	923	937	973	988	1023	1039
874	888	924	938	974	989	1024	1040
875	889	925	939	975	990	1025	1041
876	890	926	940	976	991	1026	1042
877	891	927	941	977	992	1027	1043
878	892	928	942	978	993	1028	1044
879	893	929	943	979	994	1029	1045
880	894	930	944	980	995	1030	1046
881	895	931	945	981	996	1031	1047
882	896	932	946	982	997	1032	1048
883	897	933	947	983	998	1033	1049
884	898	934	949	984	999	1034	1050
885	899	935	950	985	1000	1035	1051
886	900	936	951	986	1001	1036	1052
887	901	937	952	987	1002	1037	1053
888	902	938	953	988	1003	1038	1054
889	903	939	954	989	1004	1039	1055
890	904	940	955	990	1005	1040	1056
891	905	941	956	991	1006	1041	1057
892	906	942	957	992	1007	1042	1058
893	907	943	958	993	1008	1043	1059
894	908	944	959	994	1009	1044	1060
895	909	945	960	995	1010	1045	1061
896	910	946	961	996	1011	1046	1062
897	911	947	962	997	1012	1047	1063
898	912	948	963	998	1013	1048	1064
899	913	949	964	999	1014	1049	1065

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1050	1066	1100	1117	1150	1168	1200	1218
1051	1067	1101	1118	1151	1169	1201	1220
1052	1068	1102	1119	1152	1170	1202	1221
1053	1069	1103	1120	1153	1171	1203	1222
1054	1070	1104	1121	1154	1172	1204	1223
1055	1071	1105	1122	1155	1173	1205	1224
1056	1072	1106	1123	1156	1174	1206	1225
1057	1073	1107	1124	1157	1175	1207	1226
1058	1074	1108	1125	1158	1176	1208	1227
1059	1075	1109	1126	1159	1177	1209	1228
1060	1076	1110	1127	1160	1178	1210	1229
1061	1077	1111	1128	1161	1179	1211	1230
1062	1078	1112	1129	1162	1180	1212	1231
1063	1079	1113	1130	1163	1181	1213	1232
1064	1080	1114	1131	1164	1182	1214	1233
1065	1081	1115	1132	1165	1183	1215	1234
1066	1082	1116	1133	1166	1184	1216	1235
1067	1084	1117	1134	1167	1185	1217	1236
1068	1085	1118	1135	1168	1186	1218	1237
1069	1086	1119	1136	1169	1187	1219	1238
1070	1087	1120	1137	1170	1188	1220	1239
1071	1088	1121	1138	1171	1189	1221	1240
1072	1089	1122	1139	1172	1190	1222	1241
1073	1090	1123	1140	1173	1191	1223	1242
1074	1091	1124	1141	1174	1192	1224	1243
1075	1092	1125	1142	1175	1193	1225	1244
1076	1093	1126	1143	1176	1194	1226	1245
1077	1094	1127	1144	1177	1195	1227	1246
1078	1095	1128	1145	1178	1196	1228	1247
1079	1096	1129	1146	1179	1197	1229	1248
1080	1097	1130	1147	1180	1198	1230	1249
1081	1098	1131	1148	1181	1199	1231	1250
1082	1099	1132	1149	1182	1200	1232	1251
1083	1100	1133	1150	1183	1201	1233	1252
1084	1101	1134	1152	1184	1202	1234	1253
1085	1102	1135	1153	1185	1203	1235	1254
1086	1103	1136	1154	1186	1204	1236	1255
1087	1104	1137	1155	1187	1205	1237	1256
1088	1105	1138	1156	1188	1206	1238	1257
1089	1106	1139	1157	1189	1207	1239	1258
1090	1107	1140	1158	1190	1208	1240	1259
1091	1108	1141	1159	1191	1209	1241	1260
1092	1109	1142	1160	1192	1210	1242	1261
1093	1110	1143	1161	1193	1211	1243	1262
1094	1111	1144	1162	1194	1212	1244	1263
1095	1112	1145	1163	1195	1213	1245	1264
1096	1113	1146	1164	1196	1214	1246	1265
1097	1114	1147	1165	1197	1215	1247	1266
1098	1115	1148	1166	1198	1216	1248	1267
1099	1116	1149	1167	1199	1217	1249	1268

## Title II Cost of Living Increases

Under Public Law 94-566

(Protected Medicaid Conversion Factors)

Month of Cola	Amount of Cola	Conversion Factor
Jan-14	1.5%	0.985
Jan-13	1.7%	0.969
Jan-12	3.6%	0.935
Jan-11	0.0%	0.935
Jan-10	0.0%	0.935
Jan-09	5.8%	0.884
Jan-08	2.3%	0.864
Jan-07	3.3%	0.836
Jan-06	4.1%	0.803
Jan-05	2.7%	0.782
Jan-04	2.1%	0.766
Jan-03	1.4%	0.756
Jan-02	2.6%	0.736
Jan-01	3.5%	0.712
Jan-00	2.5%	0.694
Jan-99	1.3%	0.685
Jan-98	2.1%	0.671
Jan-97	2.9%	0.652
Jan-96	2.6%	0.636
Jan-95	2.8%	0.618
Jan-94	2.6%	0.603
Jan-93	3.0%	0.585
Jan-92	3.7%	0.564
Jan-91	5.4%	0.535
Jan-90	4.7%	0.511
Jan-89	4.0%	0.492
Jan-88	4.2%	0.472
Jan-87	1.3%	0.466
Jan-86	3.1%	0.452
Jan-85	3.5%	0.437
Jan-84	3.5%	0.422
Jul-82	7.4%	0.393
Jul-81	11.2%	0.353
Jul-80	14.3%	0.309
Jul-79	9.9%	0.281
Jul-78	6.5%	0.264
Jul-77	5.9%	0.249

## Eligibility Standards for SSI-Related Programs – January 2014

Coverage Group	Income Limit	Asset Limit
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Individual*	\$ 721	\$ 2,000
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Couple*	\$ 1,082	\$ 3,000
ICP/HCBS/Hospice/HCDA Individual	\$ 2,163	\$ 2,000
ICP/HCBS/Hospice/HCDA Couple	\$ 4,326	\$ 3,000
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Individual (88% FPL)	\$ 856	\$ 5,000
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Couple	\$ 1,156	\$ 6,000
QMB Individual (100% FPL)	\$ 973	\$ 7,160
QMB Couple	\$ 1,313	\$ 10,750
SLMB Individual (100-120% FPL)	\$ 1,167	\$ 7,160
SLMB Couple	\$ 1,575	\$ 10,750
QI1 Individual (120-135% FPL)	\$ 1,313	\$ 7,160
QI1 Couple	\$ 1,772	\$ 10,750
Working Disabled Individual (200% FPL)	\$ 1,944	\$ 5,000
Working Disabled Couple	\$ 2,624	\$ 6,000
Protected Medicaid	See A-11 and policy in Chapter 2000	
<b><u>Medicare Part B Premium</u></b>	\$ 104.90	
<b><u>Medicare Part A Premium</u></b>	<b>Number of Qualifying Quarters of Employment</b>	
	Free	40 or more
	\$ 234	30 to 39
	\$ 426	Less than 30
<b><u>Personal Needs Allowance</u></b>		
ICP/ICP-MEDS/Hospice (Institution)	\$ 35	
Hospice (Community ) 100% FPL	\$ 973	
Assisted Living Waiver	\$ 799.40	
LTC Community Diversion/PACE (resident of assisted living facility )	Facility Room and Board Charge, plus 20% of the FPL (\$195 individual, \$390 couple)	
<b><u>Spousal Impoverishment</u></b>		
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Income Allowance (MMMIA)**	\$ 1,939	
Excess Shelter Standard**	\$ 582	
Maximum Community Spouse Income Allowance (MMMIA plus excess shelter allowance cannot exceed this figure)	\$ 2,931	
Community Spouse Asset Allocation Standard	\$ 117,240	
<b><u>Home Equity Interest Limit</u></b>	\$ 543,000	
<b><u>Student Earned Income Disregard Limit</u></b>	\$1,750 per month \$7,060 per calendar year	
<b><u>Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)</u></b>	\$1,070 per month	

\* Eligibility for SSI is determined by the Social Security Administration.

\*\* These standards change effective July 1 of each year in accordance with federal law.

**OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

**OSS PROTECTED PROGRAM STANDARDS  
(RTF Not Enrolled for ACS and 2001 "Gap" Group)**

	December 2013	January 2014
<b>Income Standard</b>	<b>\$895/individual \$1790/couple</b>	<b>\$906/individual \$1812/couple</b>
<b>Provider Rate</b>	<b>\$895/individual \$1,790/couple</b>	<b>\$906/individual \$1812/couple</b>
<b>Personal needs allowance</b>	<b>\$54 per person</b>	<b>\$54 per person</b>
<b>Maximum OSS Payment</b>	<b>\$239/individual \$478/couple</b>	<b>\$239/individual \$478/couple</b>

**OSS REDESIGN STANDARDS  
(ALF, AFCH and RTF Enrolled provider for ACS)**

	December 2013	January 2014
<b>Income Standard</b>	<b>\$788.40/individual \$1576.80/couple</b>	<b>\$799.40 \$1598.80</b>
<b>Provider Rate</b>	<b>\$734.40/individual \$1468.80/couple</b>	<b>\$745.40 \$1490.80</b>
<b>Personal Needs Allowance</b>	<b>\$54 per person</b>	<b>\$54 per person</b>
<b>Maximum OSS Payment</b>	<b>\$78.40/individual \$156.80/couple</b>	<b>\$78.40/individual \$156.80/couple</b>

**OTHER STANDARDS FOR OSS PROGRAM**

	December 2013	January 2014
<b>SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)</b>		
Individual	\$710	\$721
Couple	\$1066	\$1082
<b>Maximum Resources</b>		
Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000
Couple	\$3,000	\$3,000

## Federal Benefit Rates - January 2014

### SSI-DA (Supplemental Security Income - Direct Assistance)

Situation	FBR
<b><u>Individual</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$ 721
In Medicaid institution	\$ 30
In public institution	\$ 0
<b><u>Couple</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$1082
In Medicaid institution (both members)	\$ 60
Child Allocation for Deeming	\$361