

CHANGES IN PUBLIC BENEFITS NUMBERS

On January 1st of each calendar year, adjustments are made to many of the public benefits numbers in accordance with the cost of living. For the most recent adjustment period, the cost of living index increased 3.5%. The following numbers increased accordingly:

Medicaid *Income* Levels:

For a Single Individual	\$625
For a Couple	\$900

Medicaid *Resource* Levels:

For a Single Individual	\$3,750
For a Couple	\$5,400

Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA):

Minimum: \$74,820	Maximum: \$87,000
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Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA): \$2,175

Medicare Part B: \$50

Skilled Nursing Facility Medicare Co-payment for Days 21 thru 100: \$99

SSI Maximum Monthly Payments:

For an Individual:	\$617
For a Couple:	\$900

Remember, for SSI eligibility purposes, there is now a transfer penalty for transfers of assets. It is similar to, but not the same as, the Medicaid transfer of assets penalty. Also remember that there are new rules concerning SSI Trusts.

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