

ACTION ALERT

EFFECTIVE **JANUARY 1, 2019**, SSI RATES ARE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>LIVING SITUATIONS</u> | <u>FEDERAL</u> | <u>STATE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Household of Another | \$514.00 | \$ <u>9.33</u> * | \$523.33 |
| Sharing/Independent | \$771.00 | \$ <u>14.00</u> * | \$785.00 |
| Personal Care/AFC | \$771.00 | \$157.50 | \$928.50 |
| COUPLE-House of Another | \$771.34 | \$ <u>13.96</u> * | \$785.30 |
| COUPLE-Independent | \$1,157.00 | \$ <u>21.00</u> * | \$1,178.00 |

*The payment of the state supplement to SSI is sent on a quarterly basis, by either a paper check or via direct deposit, from the Michigan government to recipients at the "Household of Another" and the "Sharing/Independent" rates. Benefit payment checks (or direct deposits) are forwarded during the months of: March, June, September and December. For persons receiving only an SSI supplement amount due to the presence of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and/or earned income, the state supplement will not be paid. Affected individuals must apply separately for Medicaid at a local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") office.

1. The "personal needs income" or "incidental needs allowance" for 2019 remains at \$44.00 per month for Adult Foster Care recipients (Personal Care). The monthly AFC payment for 2019 is **\$884.50**. The SSI personal allowance for residents of a nursing home is \$30 federal and \$7 state for total of \$37.00.
2. **NOTE:** The cost-of-living ("C.O.L.A.") increase for either SSI or SSDI benefits is **2.8%** for 2019.
3. There is an additional State Medicaid Personal Care Supplement check that is paid directly to providers of Adult Foster Care. The amount is **\$250.92** (effective: 10/1/18) per month per resident.
4. For concurrent recipients of SSI and SSDI (old age, survivors, widows, disability, and disabled adult child) benefits, the total of the two checks is \$20.00 more than SSI alone for the specific living situation.
5. The standard Medicare "Part B" monthly premium (i.e., single persons with annual incomes below \$85,000, and married filing jointly below \$170,000) for 2019 is **\$135.50**. Some longer-term enrollees may pay less each month due to special "hold harmless" premium calculations. If the state of Michigan pays the Part B premium due to your eligibility for Medicaid, the state will have to pay the \$135.50. Persons with higher annual incomes must pay a significantly higher monthly Part B premium.
6. The SSDI Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) work earnings ceiling for 2019 is increased to **\$1,220.00** (**\$2,040.00** if recipient is blind). The Trial Work Period threshold for 2019 is now at **\$880.00**.
7. The 2019 SSI asset limits remain at **\$2,000.00** for an individual and **\$3,000.00** for a couple. The monthly SSI Student Exclusion for 2019 is **\$1,870** (annual limit is **\$7,550**).