

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefit and Personal Allowance Amounts

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The following chart shows the monthly SSI amounts that people we serve may be eligible to receive. The amounts vary, based on living arrangement and geographic location. Provider payment and personal allowance amounts for people residing in OPWDD certified residences are also provided.

**Please note the 2012 resource level for SSI is \$2,000 and for Medicaid is \$14,250.<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>MONTHLY AMOUNTS</b>                                                       |             |                                       |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Living Arrangement</b>                                                    | <b>SSI</b>  | <b>Personal Allowance<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>Provider Payment<sup>3</sup></b> |
| <b><i>LEVEL I – OPWDD Certified Family Care</i></b>                          |             |                                       |                                     |
| New York City, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties            | \$ 964.48   | \$ 135.00                             | \$ 829.48                           |
| Rest of State                                                                | \$ 926.48   | \$ 135.00                             | \$ 791.48                           |
| <b><i>LEVEL II – OPWDD Certified Community Residence (includes IRAs)</i></b> |             |                                       |                                     |
| <b>State Operated</b>                                                        | \$ 698.00   | \$ 155.00                             | \$ 543.00                           |
| <b>Voluntary Operated</b>                                                    |             |                                       |                                     |
| New York City, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties            | \$ 1,133.00 | \$ 155.00                             | \$ 978.00                           |
| Rest of State                                                                | \$ 1,103.00 | \$ 155.00                             | \$ 948.00                           |
| <b><i>LEVEL III – OPWDD Certified Schools for the Mentally Retarded</i></b>  |             |                                       |                                     |
| All Areas of State                                                           | \$ 1,392.00 | \$ 184.00                             | \$ 1,208.00                         |
| <b><i>Non-Certified Residences<sup>4</sup></i></b>                           |             |                                       |                                     |
| Living Alone                                                                 | \$ 785.00   | N/A                                   | N/A                                 |
| Living with Others                                                           | \$ 721.00   | N/A                                   | N/A                                 |
| Living in the Household of Another                                           | \$ 488.34   | N/A                                   | N/A                                 |

- The personal allowance amount for individuals residing in developmental centers, state operated ICFs, voluntary operated ICFs and SRUs will remain \$35.00 per month.
- The maximum amount in personal allowance cash that may be kept at the residence for each individual is \$204.00.

<sup>1</sup> To be financially eligible for public benefits, the individual's countable resources generally must be under a certain amount, depending on the benefit program. Public benefit programs usually exempt some types of resources in determining eligibility.

<sup>2</sup> The personal allowance amount shown is the monthly amount that must be available to residents of OPWDD certified residences for personal spending needs, exclusive of the \$20 general income disregard and any earned income disregards.

<sup>3</sup> The provider payment is the maximum amount the provider may charge for room and board from an individual's monthly income. Monthly income derives from such sources as the earnings and/or benefits the individual receives, including SSI.

<sup>4</sup> OPWDD is one of several New York state agencies that certify residences paid at the Level I and Level II amounts (see chart). The other agencies are the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), Department of Health (DOH), Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), and Office of Mental Health (OMH).