

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The amount of a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check is based on the information told to us. You must tell Social Security every time there is a change - while we process your application AND if you start receiving SSI. Remember, a change may make the SSI monthly payment bigger or smaller. Report changes in income of your ineligible spouse or child who lives with you or your sponsor or sponsor's spouse, if you are an alien. You must also report changes in the things of value that these people own. You must also report changes in income, school attendance and marital status of ineligible children who live with you. You must tell us about any change within 10 days after the month it happens. If you do not report changes, we may have to take as much as \$25, \$50, or \$100 out of future checks.

HOW TO REPORT

You may make your reports by:

- Visiting the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) page on our website at <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi>.
- Calling us toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (or at TTY 1-800-325-0778 if you are deaf or hearing impaired); or
- Calling, visiting, or writing your local Social Security office. Use the Social Security Office Locator on our website to find your local office.

CHANGES TO REPORT

☒ WHERE YOU LIVE - You must report to Social Security if:

- You move.
- You (or your spouse) leave your household for a calendar month or longer. (For example, you enter a hospital or visit a relative.)
- You are admitted to (for a calendar month or longer), or released from, a hospital or nursing home, jail, prison, or other correctional facility or other institution.
- You leave the United States for 30 consecutive days.
- You are no longer a legal resident of the United States.

☒ HOW YOU LIVE - You must report to Social Security:

- If anyone moves into or out of your household.
- If the amount of money you pay toward household expenses changes.
- Births and deaths of any people with whom you live.
- Your spouse or former spouse dies.
- Your marital status changes:
 - You get married, separated, divorced, or your marriage is annulled.
 - You begin living with someone as a married couple.

☒ INCOME - You must report to Social Security if you, your spouse/your parent(s):

- Start to receive money (or checks or any other type of payment) from someone or someplace.
- Have a change in the amount of money you receive.
- Begin to receive child support payments or those payments go up or down.
- Win money from gambling or a lottery.
- Start work or stop work.
- Earn more or less money. (**Keep all paystubs** and provide them to SSA when requested.)
- Become eligible for benefits other than SSI.

☒ HELP YOU GET FROM OTHERS - You must report to Social Security if:

- The amount of help (money or food, or payment of household expenses) you receive goes up or down.
- Someone stops helping you.
- Someone starts helping you.

☒ THINGS OF VALUE THAT YOU OWN - You must report to Social Security if:

- The value of things that you own goes over \$2000 when you add them all together (\$3000 if you are married and live with your spouse).
- You sell or give anything of value away.
- You buy or are given anything of value.

☒ **YOU ARE BLIND OR DISABLED - You must report to Social Security if:**

- Your condition improves or your doctor says you can return to work.
- You go to work.

☒ **IF YOU ARE THE PARENT, STEPPARENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FOR A CHILD UNDER 18 - A report to Social Security must be made if:**

- There is a change in any income the child, his or her parent(s), stepparent, or brother(s) or sister(s) receive.
- There is a change in his or her parents' or stepparents' marriage, a change in value of anything they own, or a change in their residence.
- There is a change in the student status of the child's brother(s) or sister(s).

☒ **YOU ARE UNMARRIED AND UNDER AGE 22 - A report to Social Security must be made if:**

- You start or stop school
- You get married or divorced
- You start or stop working

☒ **YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS CHANGES**

- You must report any changes to Social Security.

☒ **YOU ARE SELECTED AS A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE - You must report to Social Security if:**

- The person for whom you receive SSI checks has any changes listed above. (You may be held liable if you do not report changes that could affect the SSI recipient's payment amount, and he/she is overpaid.)
- You will no longer be able or no longer wish to act as that person's representative payee.

☒ **FELONY OR ARREST WARRANT - You must report to Social Security if you have a felony or arrest warrant for:**

- Escape from custody
 - Flight to avoid prosecution or confinement, or
 - Flight-Escape
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