



SSP News Flash

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Greetings!

Our last newsletter notified readers of an upcoming change to the MA SSI State Supplement Program. Our staff attended a seminar on the details of the new program, and came back assured that the changes will be restricted to receiving the same total benefit amount split between two checks.

We apologize for a mistake in the last newsletter regarding eligibility. *Consumers will not have to re-apply for benefits.* Read below for more details.

from Paul Spooner, Executive Director

State Administration of the SSP

The MA SSI State Supplemental Program (SSP) provides an additional cash payment to the federal Social Security Income (SSI) benefits for eligible individuals. The program is part of the Department of Transitional Assistance and the MA Commission for the Blind.

Today, the state sends this money to the federal government, who then adds it to a recipient's SSI check. After April 1, recipients will receive the same total benefits, but in two checks: one from the federal Social Security Administration and one from MA. The two checks will be sent at the same time, using the same method as the single check is now sent from the Social Security Administration.

This change will save MA millions of dollars in administrative costs.

What do You Need to Know?

- SSI recipients who are also eligible for the state supplement will now receive 2 checks, one from Social Security and one from Massachusetts, and the total amount of the 2 checks will equal your previous single SSI check.
- Eligibility requirements are not changing.
- Total payment amounts are not changing.
- Payments will be sent at the same time and by the same method as they are issued by the Social Security Administration.

Planned State Outreach:

Feb 10 - 17: Information in the mail to all SSI recipients



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Feb 13: Call Center Opens (877) 863-1128 during business hours
(Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

February 13: Website launch

Email your questions to: SSPinfo@umassmed.edu

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Supplemental Program.

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