Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

Social Security Administration (SSA) Announces 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

ODP Announcement 26-102

AUDIENCE:

Providers who collect Room and Board fees from individuals receive Residential Habilitation or Life Sharing services

Individuals and Families

Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To provide notice that the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment will increase beginning in January 2027.

DISCUSSION:

SSI is a federal program that provides benefits to adults and children who meet the SSA's requirements for disability, income, and resources. This income benefit is designed to help qualified individuals meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Periodically, COLA affects the maximum monthly allotment. Effective January 2027, the SSA increased the SSI allotment by 3.6 percent to reflect an increase in the cost of living. This raises the maximum monthly income to $1,029 for an eligible individual, $1,544 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and $516 for an essential person.

There is no anticipated increase in the State Supplementary Payment (SSP) for 2027.

To account for the new COLA, room and board agreements should be reviewed to determine appropriate adjustment. The Room and Board Residency Agreement

§ 6100.687 (DP 1077) is found on MyODP.org at **Intellectual Disability/Autism Forms** or by following this path: Resources > Forms.

This announcement obsoletes Announcement 25-105, Social Security Administration (SSA) Announces 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). For more specific information regarding SSI and the COLA, please review the U.S. Social Security Administration website or visit: **SSI Federal Payment Amounts for 2027 (ssa.gov)**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Regional Office.