

Social Security Administration Supplemental Security Income

Notice of Award

190 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE
ISELIN NJ 08830

Date: February 9, 2009
Claim Number:

G.Z.
CARE OF J.Z.

* Application Filed *
December 29, 2008

* Type of Payment *
Individual--Disabled

This is to notify you that you are eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments under the provisions of Title XVI of the Social Security Act. The rest of this letter will tell you more about our decision.

We explain how we figured the monthly payment amounts shown below on the last pages of this letter. The explanation shows how your income, other than any SSI payments, affects your SSI payment. It also shows how we decided how much of your income affects your payment amount.

How Much We'll Pay

Beginning	*Through*	*Monthly Amount Payable*
December 29, 2008	December 31, 2008	\$0.00
January 1, 2009	Continuing	\$493.65 This includes \$44.31 from the State of New Jersey.

Information About Your SSI Payments

- We are sending you a check for \$421.82. This is money due you for February 2009. We will also be sending you a check for \$421.82 on March 1, 2009. This is the amount due you for March 2009.

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- You should receive the check no later than February 12, 2009. Your regular monthly check of \$421.82 will then be issued about the first day of the month.
- As we previously notified you, you were overpaid when you formerly received Supplemental Security Income payments. You must still repay \$565.48 from the amount due for January 2009 through February 2009, to reduce the overpayment to \$3,201.30.
- As we told you before, we are withholding part of your check to get back money you were overpaid. March 2009, we will start withholding \$71.83. Therefore, you will receive a check for \$421.82 instead of \$493.65.
- The \$71.83 we will withhold is 10 percent of your SSI money plus any other money we use in figuring your SSI. If you want us to withhold more or less, please call or visit your Social Security office.

Your Payment Is Based On These Facts

- You meet all the rules to be eligible for SSI beginning December 29, 2008. However, we cannot pay SSI until the month after you first meet the rules. Because of this, we will pay you SSI beginning January 2009.
- You were disabled in December 2008 on.
- The amount of SSI we pay depends on your living arrangements. Your living arrangements are where you live, with whom you live, and how your food and shelter expenses are paid. Based on the information we have, your Federal living arrangement is:

-- Category B for January 2009 on

Please see the enclosed "Fact Sheet on SSI Federal Living Arrangement Categories" for a description of this Federal living arrangement category and others.

- You were living in the State of New Jersey for December 2008 on.
- The amount of money we pay you from the State of New Jersey depends on the State's rules.

You are living in someone else's home for January 2009 on.

- Based on the information we have, your State living arrangement is:

-- Category D for January 2009 on for New Jersey

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Please see the enclosed "Fact Sheet on SSI Living Arrangement Categories For the State of New Jersey" for a description of this State living arrangement category and others.

- To get SSI, your countable resources must not be more than the allowable limit of \$2,000.00 for 2008 on. Your resources that we count are \$2,000.00 or less for December 2008 on.
- You have monthly income which must be considered in figuring your payment as follows:

The food and shelter you got in someone else's home or apartment. We value that food and shelter at \$212.33 for December 2008 and \$224.66 for January 2009.

Information About Your Back Payments

- We are sending you a Supplemental Security Income check for \$421.82 in February 2009. We will not count the part of this money which was due for back payments as your resource for 9 months. If the money is not spent before December 1, 2009, we will count any money left over as part of your resources. But things bought with this money may count as resources the month after they are bought. Your Social Security office can tell you which things count as resources. You cannot get SSI if the resources we count have a value of more than \$2,000.

Information About Medicaid

An agency of your State will advise you about the Medicaid program. If you have any questions about your eligibility for Medicaid or need immediate medical assistance, you should get in touch with the local Medicaid office in the area.

You Can Review The Information in Your Case

The decisions in this letter are based on the law. You have a right to review and get copies of the information in our records that we used to make the decisions explained in this letter. You also have a right to review and copy the laws, regulations and policy statements used in deciding your case. To do so, please contact us. Our telephone number and address are shown under the heading "If You Have Any Questions."

Things To Remember

- You are living in someone else's house or apartment. We may be able to pay you more SSI money if you are paying your share of the household expenses. Contact us if you think you are paying your share.

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- **Your SSI payments may change if your circumstances change. Therefore, you are required to report any change in your situation that may affect your SSI. For example, you should tell us if:**
 - you move
 - anyone else moves from or into your household
 - your marital status changes
 - income or resources for you or members of your household change
 - your medical condition improves
 - you go to work.

This will help us pay you correctly.

Please read the booklet "What You Need To Know When You Get SSI" carefully for additional information about this requirement.

- **We decided that you are disabled according to our rules. We realize that your health may not improve. But we must review all disability cases. Therefore, we will review your case in 5 to 7 years. We will send you a letter before we start the review. Based on that review, your SSI will continue if you are still disabled, but will end if you are no longer disabled.**
- **The application you filed for SSI was also a claim for Social Security benefits. We looked into this, and decided you can't get any Social Security benefits. If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. A case review, described later in this letter, is the only kind of appeal you can have regarding Social Security benefits.**
- **Would you like to work? If so, you should know about special Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rules. These rules can help you keep Medicaid and may help you keep getting some SSI even though you are working. The enclosed fact sheet tells you more about special SSI rules for people who work.**

If You Disagree With The Decision

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. We will review your entire case, even the parts you agree with. We also will consider any new facts you have and then will make a new decision. The new decision could be more favorable to you than the one you already have. But, keep in mind that the new decision also could be the same as or less favorable than the decision you already have.

- **You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.**

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- The 60 days start the day after you receive this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- To appeal, you must fill out a form called "Request for Reconsideration." The form number is SSA-561. To get this form, contact one of our offices. We can help you fill out the form.

How To Appeal

There are two ways to appeal. You can pick the one you want. If you meet with us in person, it may help us decide your case.

- Case Review. You have a right to review the facts in your file. You can give us more facts to add to your file. Then we'll decide your case again. You won't meet with the person who decides your case. This is the only kind of appeal you can have to appeal a medical decision.
- Informal Conference. You'll meet with the person who decides your case. You can tell that person why you think you're right. You can give us more facts to help prove you're right. You can bring other people to help explain your case.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a friend, representative or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a representative or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also representatives who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it.

If You Have Any Questions

For general information about SSI, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. You will find the law and regulations about SSI eligibility and SSI payment amounts at www.socialsecurity.gov/SSIRules/.

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For general questions about SSI or specific questions about your case, please call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at 732-634-0840. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you need assistance for any reason, you can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

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If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

We are sending you a pamphlet which contains important information you should know. The pamphlet is called "What You Need to Know When You Get SSI." We are also enclosing additional information about rules that can help you if you are working, or if you decide to work.



**Michael J. Astrue
Commissioner
of Social Security**

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Fact Sheet on SSI Federal Living Arrangement Categories

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**Fact Sheet on SSI
Federal Living Arrangement Categories**

Category Definition

A Living in Own Household -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet one of the following conditions:

1. You live in your own household whether or not you receive help paying your food or housing costs.
2. You live in a foster care or family care situation.
3. You are homeless or have no permanent living arrangement.
4. You live in an institution for all or part of a month and Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of your care. You do not fit in this category if you are considered an inmate of a public institution such as a prison.
5. You live alone.
6. You live only with your child, spouse, or persons whose income is being used to compute the amount of your SSI check.
7. You do not fit in categories B, C or D described below.

In Category "A" The Maximum Federal SSI Money Is Used To Compute Your SSI Check.

B Living in the Household of Another -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet both of the following conditions:

1. You live in a household other than your own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not your child, your spouse or an ineligible person whose income is being used to compute the amount of your SSI check.
2. And you receive food and housing from someone in that household.

In Category "B" The Federal SSI Money is Reduced By One-Third Because Another Person Helps Pay For Your Food And Housing Costs.

Child Living in Parents' Household -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet both of the following conditions:

1. You are under 18 years old.
2. You live in the same household as your parents.

In Category "C" The Maximum Federal SSI Money Is Used To Compute Your SSI Check.

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D Medicaid Facility -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and meet both of the following conditions:

- 1. You live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month.**
- 2. Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of your care.**

In Category "D" The Federal SSI Money Cannot Exceed \$30.

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Living Arrangement Categories
For the State of New Jersey**

Category	Definition
A	Living in a Residential Facility -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you live in a state-approved Residential facility or a state-approved Assisted Living Residence and/or Comprehensive Personal Care Home.
B	Living Independently or with Others -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet both of the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You meet the definition for either Federal Living Arrangement Category A or C. 2. You do not meet the requirements defined in any other New Jersey State supplementation category.
C	Living Only with a Spouse -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you live in a household consisting of only you and your spouse who is not eligible for SSI. This can also include an ineligible spouse and foster children. It is also possible to fit into this category if you and your ineligible spouse live with others (excluding minor children) but are a separate household because you eat your meals out or you and your spouse separately purchase and prepare your food.
D	Living in Someone Else's Home -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet the definition for Federal Living Arrangement Category B.
G	In a medical care facility, like a hospital or nursing home, and Medicaid pays for or would usually pay for more than half the cost of the care -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and are residing in a facility where Medicaid pays more than 50% of the cost of your care.
I	Living in a Licensed Residential Health Care Facility -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you live in a state approved Residential Health Care Facility that is attached to a Nursing Home or a "free standing" state-approved Residential Health Care Facility.
Y	Optional Supplementation Waived -- You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you told us that you do not want to receive a supplementary payment from the State of New Jersey.

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- Z** **No Supplement Cases – You fit in this category if you are eligible for SSI and you meet one of the following conditions:**
- 1. You live in a licensed medical facility where Medicaid is paying less than 50 percent of the cost of your care.**
 - 2. You live in a publicly operated community residence, which serves 16 or fewer residents.**
 - 3. You live in a publicly operated emergency shelter throughout a month.**

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SSI Rules That Help You Work

We want to tell you about some special Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rules that can help you while you are working or if you begin working. These rules can help you get or keep Medicaid and may help you keep getting some SSI even though you are working.

How Your SSI May Change If You Work

We do not count most of your earnings when we figure your SSI payment amount. We do not count the first \$65 of your earned income in a month plus one-half of the remainder. That means that we count less than one-half of your earnings when we figure your SSI payment amount.

If You Stop Working or Start Earning Less

If you stop working or start earning less, please let us know right away. We can increase your SSI checks, or start your SSI and Medicaid again if they have stopped. You may not even have to file a new application.

Medicaid

If you get Medicaid, it will usually continue as long as you get SSI. If your SSI stops because you begin earning too much money, you can often keep getting Medicaid as long as the following are true:

- you continue to be disabled or blind under our rules; and
- you can't pay your medical bills without Medicaid.

We Don't Count Some of Your Earnings Used for Work Expenses

The earnings you use for some of your working expenses may not count as income. For example, we sometimes don't count earnings used to pay for transportation to and from work. Also, we don't count the cost of special equipment that helps you to work.

A Plan Can Help

You may be able to keep more of your SSI if you develop a special plan to support yourself. We call this a plan to achieve self-support (PASS). This plan lets you set aside money for a certain amount of time for a work goal. For example, you may set aside money to start a business, go to school, or get training for a job.

We don't count what you set aside when we figure your SSI. This can help keep you on SSI or help you get more SSI. A PASS may also help someone you know qualify for SSI.

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If You Need Help Finding A Job

We can ask someone who offers vocational rehabilitation services to help you find a job or give you training.

If You Want To Know More

If you want to know more about these rules, contact any Social Security office and ask to speak to someone about work incentives.

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HOW WE FIGURED YOUR PAYMENT FOR January 2009 THROUGH February 2009

Your Payment Amount

The most Federal SSI money the law allows us to pay	\$674.00
Minus (-) "Total income we count" (see below)	<u>-224.66</u>
Federal SSI money	\$449.34
Plus (+) the most State SSI money the law allows us to pay	+ 44.31
We didn't subtract (-) any income from State SSI money	<u>- 0.00</u>
Total Monthly SSI Payment for January 2009 through February 2009	\$493.65

Your Income Other Than Your SSI

Income you receive in January 2009 affects your payment for January 2009 through February 2009

Value of food and shelter	<u>\$224.66</u>
Total income we count	\$224.66

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HOW WE FIGURED YOUR PAYMENT FOR March 2009 ON

Your Payment Amount

The most Federal SSI money the law allows us to pay	\$674.00
Minus (-) "Total income we count" (see below)	<u>-224.66</u>
Federal SSI money	\$449.34
Plus (+) the most State SSI money the law allows us to pay	+ 44.31
We didn't subtract (-) any income from State SSI money	<u>- 0.00</u>
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