

## 2009 Social Security and Medicare Changes

<b>SSI Payment Rates for New York</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Living Alone	\$ 724.00	\$ 761.00
Living with others	\$ 660.00	\$ 697.00
Living in the household of another	\$ 447.67	\$ 472.34
Couple	\$ 1,060.00	\$1,115.00

<b>Social Security Disability Thresholds</b>		<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)	Non-Blind	\$940/mo.	\$980/mo.
	Blind	\$1,570/mo.	\$1,640/mo.
Trial Work Period (TWP)		\$670/mo.	\$700/mo.

<b>SSI Student Exclusion Limits:</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Monthly Limit	\$1,550	\$1,640
Annual Limit	\$6,240	\$6,600

<b>Section 1619(b) Eligibility Threshold</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Base Amount (NY State)	\$18,396	\$19,284
Title 19 or Medicaid Amount (NY State)	\$ 25,240	\$24,137
Threshold (NY State)	\$ 43,636	\$43,421

<b>Medicare Premium and Deductible Rates</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Part B Premium</b>	\$96.40	\$96.40
<b>Part A Deductible*</b>	\$1,024.00	\$1,068.00

- *The Part A deductible is the beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care. However, for extended Medicare-covered hospital stays, beneficiaries must pay an additional \$267 per day for days 61 through 90 in 2009, and \$534 per day for hospital stays beyond the 90th day in a benefit period. For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily co-insurance for days 21 through 100 will be \$133.50 in 2009, compared to \$128 in 2008.*
- *A small number of beneficiaries — individuals with income exceeding \$85,000 and married couples exceeding \$170,000 — will pay a higher Part B premium based on their income.*