

Recent Social Security and SSI Changes

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Rule

- \$1,620 per month, gross earning in calendar year 2025
- \$1,550 per month, gross earning ... calendar year 2024
- \$1,470 per month, gross earning ... calendar year 2023
- \$1,350 per month, gross earning ... calendar year 2022
- Earlier years: \$1,310 per month (2021), \$1,260 (2020), \$1,220 per month (2019), \$1,180 per month (2018), \$1,170 per month (2017), \$1,130 per month (2016), \$1,090 per month (2015).

SGA for Statutorily Blind: The 2025 SGA amount for persons who are statutorily blind is \$2,700. Earlier years: \$2,590 (2024), \$2,460 (2023), \$2,260 (2022), \$2,190 per month (2021), \$2,110 per month (2020), \$2,040 per month (2019), \$1,970 per month (2018), \$1,950 per month (2017), \$1,820 per month (2015, 2016).

Trial Work Period (TWP)

Applies only to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI): first 9 months, within 60 consecutive months, that earnings are sufficient for a TWP "services month."

- \$1,150 per month, gross earnings meet services month criteria in calendar year 2025
- \$1,110 per month, gross earnings ... 2024
- \$1,050 per month, gross earnings ... in 2023
- \$970 per month, gross earnings ... in 2022
- Earlier years: \$940 per month (2021), \$910 per month (2020), \$880 per month (2019), \$850 per month (2018), \$840 per month (2017), \$810 per month (2016); \$780 per month (2015).

SSI's Student Earned Income Exclusion

Students under age 22 in high school, college, or vocational training.

- \$2,350 per month, up to a maximum of \$9,460 per year in 2025
- \$2,290 per month, up to a maximum of \$9,230 per year in 2024
- \$2,220 per month, up to a maximum of \$8,950 per year in 2023
- Earlier years: \$2,040 per month, \$8,230 per year (2022), \$1,930 per month, \$7,770 per year (2021), \$1,900 per month, \$7,670 per year (2020), \$1,870 per month, \$7,550 per year (2019), \$1,820 per month, \$7,350 per year (2018), \$1,790 per month, \$7,200 per year (2017).

Section 1619(b) Medicaid

- This allows automatic Medicaid to continue if a person loses SSI because of wages.
- For calendar year 2025, New York's earned income threshold is \$64,017 per year. If annual wages are below \$64,017 and the other criteria are met, Medicaid will continue. A higher, individualized threshold can be established if Medicaid-covered expenses and/or impairment related work expenses are high enough. (See our 1619(b) Medicaid at-a-glance.)

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