

Recent Social Security and SSI Changes

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Rule:

- \$1,260 per month , gross earnings in the calendar year 2020
- \$1,220 per month , gross earnings in the calendar year 2019
- \$1,180 per month, gross earnings...calendar year 2018
- \$1,170 per month, gross earnings ... calendar year 2017
- \$1,130 per month, gross earnings...calendar year 2016
- Earlier years: \$1,090 per month (2015) \$1,070 per month (2014), \$1,040 per month (2013), \$1,010 per month (2012), \$1,000 per month (2010, 2011), \$980 per month (2009).

SGA for Statutorily Blind: The 2020 SGA amount for persons who are statutorily blind is \$2,110. The 2019 SGA amount was \$2,040, and it was 1,970 per month in 2018. The 2017 SGA amount was \$1,950 per month. The 2015 and 2016 SGA amount was \$1,820 per month. The 2014 SGA amount was \$1,800. Earlier years: \$1,740 per month (2013), \$1,690 per month (2012), \$1,640 per month (2009, 2010, 2011).

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.”

- \$910 per month, gross earnings meets services month criteria in 2020
- \$880 per month, gross earnings meets services month criteria in 2019
- \$850 per month, gross earnings Calendar year 2018
- \$840 per month, gross earnings calendar year 2017
- Earlier years: \$810 per month (2016); \$780 per month (2015); \$770 per month (2014), \$750 per month (2013), \$720 per month (2010, 2011, 2012), \$700 per month (2009).

SSI's Student Earned Income Exclusion – Students under age 22 in high school, college or vocational training.

- \$1,900 per month, up to a maximum of \$7,670 per year in 2020
- \$1,870 per month, up to a maximum of \$7,550 per year in 2019
- \$1,820 per month, up to a maximum of \$7,350 per year in 2018
- \$1,790 per month, up to a maximum of \$7,200 per year in 2017
- \$1,780 per month, up to a maximum of \$7,180 per year in 2015 and 2016
- Earlier years: \$1,750 per month, \$7,060 per year (2014); \$1,730 per month, \$6,960 per year (2013), \$1,700 per month, \$6,840 per year (2012), \$1,640 per month, \$6,600 per year (2009 – 2011).

Section 1619(b) Medicaid

- This allows automatic Medicaid to continue if person loses SSI because of wages.
- For calendar year 2019, New York's earned income threshold was \$46,316 per year (2020 figure not yet available). If annual wages are below \$46,316 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.

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