Recent Social Security and SSI Changes

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Rule:

- $1,350 per month, gross earning in calendar year 2022
- $1,310 per month, gross earnings … calendar year 2021
- $1,260 per month, gross earnings … calendar year 2020
- $1,220 per month, gross earnings … calendar year 2019
- Earlier years: $1,180 per month (2018), $1,170 per month (2017), $1,130 per month (2016), $1,090 per month (2015), $1,070 per month (2014), $1,040 per month (2013).

SGA for Statutorily Blind: The 2022 SGA amount for persons who are statutorily blind is $2,260. Earlier years: $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), $1,800 per month (2014), $1,740 per month (2013).

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."

- $970 per month, gross earnings meet services month criteria in calendar year 2022
- $940 per month, gross earnings … in 2021
- $910 per month, gross earnings … in 2020
- $880 per month, gross earnings … in 2019
- $850 per month, gross earnings … in 2018
- Earlier years: $840 per month (2017), $810 per month (2016); $780 per month (2015); $770 per month (2014), $750 per month (2013).

SSI’s Student Earned Income Exclusion

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

- $2,040 per month, up to a maximum of $8,230 per year in 2022
- $1,930 per month, up to a maximum of $7,770 per year in 2021
- $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
- Earlier years: $1,820 per month, $7,350 per year (2018), $1,790 per month, $7,200 per year (2017), $1,780 per month, $7,180 per year (2015, 2016), $1,750 per month, $7,060 per year (2014).

Section 1619(b) Medicaid

- This allows automatic Medicaid to continue if person loses SSI because of wages.
- For calendar year 2022, New York’s earned income threshold is $50,534 per year. If annual wages are below $50,543 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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