

# Recent Social Security and SSI Changes

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## 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 \$50,5434 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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