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**2016
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) &
State Supplemental Payment (SSP) Standards
for Washington State**

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are made by the Social Security Administration. Certain SSI recipients receive a supplemental payment from the State of Washington, referred to as a "State Supplemental Payment" or "SSP," in addition to their SSI payment.

SSI Standards for 2016
(Federal Benefit Rate)

Individual: \$733
Eligible Couple: \$1,100

SSP Standards for 2016

Monthly State Supplemental Payments of \$40 will be made in 2016 by the Economic Services Administration of the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services to certain SSI recipients. The payments will be made to those SSI recipients who are (1) 65 or older, or (2) blind (as determined by Social Security), or (3) married to spouses who are ineligible for SSI. Only one monthly \$40 payment will be made per SSI recipient, even if an individual qualifies under more than one of the three eligibility criteria.

A separate SSP program is administered by the DSHS Division of Developmental Disabilities. Payment amounts vary depending on living arrangement and assessed need. See WAC 388-827-0145.

Individuals classified as "Mandatory Income Level" SSI recipients, who have received SSI continuously since January 1974, are eligible for SSP payments in amounts that depend on individual circumstances.