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SOCIAL SECURITY OVERPAYMENT WRITE-OFF POLICY

All certified work incentives practitioners know the standard methods for addressing Social Security and SSI overpayments, reconsideration, waiver, and payment arrangement. Did you know that, in some instances, Social Security will terminate attempts to recoup the overpayment? This is NOT a waiver but rather a discharge of the overpayment balance.

To qualify for a write-off, the debt must be delinquent, meaning at least 25 months must have passed since the date of :

- The date on the original overpayment notice OR
- The date of the last voluntary payment on the debt OR
- A payment arrangement made at least 25 months ago, and no payment ever made OR
- A reconsideration decision or an unfavorable waiver decision

A write-off can be requested in writing with the beneficiary's local SSA office. The beneficiary must be in non-pay status to qualify for a discharge of the overpayment balance.

This DOES NOT replace reconsideration, waiver, or other forms of appeal. If the beneficiary takes no action, they can still be held liable and have benefits or wages garnished accordingly.

[POMS SSA - POMS: GN 02215.235 - Suspension or Termination](#)

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Write-Off Policy for SSA Overpayments

2025 SSA Changes

Contacting your Representatives

SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES ANNOUNCED

On October 10th, Social Security announced a 2.5% benefit increase for beneficiaries receiving disability and retirement benefits.

- SSI-\$967 (individual) \$1,450 (couple)

CONTACTING YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

NABWIS urges our members to continue to contact your representatives in Congress in support of the SSI Restoration Act Bill. The bill would eliminate the marriage penalty and increase SSI federal benefit amounts and resource limits for SSI beneficiaries. To view the bill, visit [Text - H.R.3824 - 117th](#)

- SGA-1,620 (non-blind) \$2,700 (blind)
- TWP-\$1,160
- SEIE- \$2,350 (month) \$9,460 (year)

For the full list of changes, visit

<https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2025.pdf>.

[Congress \(2021-2022\): Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

Contact your representatives:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/finding-your-representative>

A Message from the NABWIS Board

The NABWIS newsletter is geared toward keeping our members apprised on updates pertaining to federal Social Security benefits, legislative changes, and ways you can partner with the NABWIS board to help inspire change for the individuals we serve. This is YOUR newsletter. If you have comments or suggestions on content in future issues, please email contact@nabwis.org.



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