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CRUCIAL CHANGES TO SSA OVERPAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On March 25th, 2024, Social Security Commissioner, Martin O' Malley, announced several policy and procedure changes that will impact the collection of Social Security and SSI overpayments going forward.

Effective as of April 15th, SSA will reduce the maximum amount of title 2 benefits that can be withheld from 100% to 10% of a client's benefit amount for new overpayments.

<http://policynet.ba.ssa.gov/reference.nsf/lnx/03252024063758AM>

Requests for payment arrangements with SSA are simplified to allow a client to request a payment arrangement verbally as long as the overpayment can be recouped within 60 months. If the overpayment will take longer than 60 days to repay, form SSA-634 will still need to be completed.

<https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0202210030>.

If a client has been repaying an overpayment that occurred prior to April 15th and has been repaying at an amount greater than 10%, they need to contact their local field office to request an updated payment arrangement.

<https://www.ssa.gov/locator/>

In addition, SSA is reviewing and updating guidance that will simplify the process for requesting a waiver of overpayment, including shifting away the burden of proof from the client when determining whether the client was at fault in causing the overpayment.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Changes to SSA Overpayment Policy

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SSA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Effective September 30th, 2024, Social Security will eliminate the value of food assistance provided from In-Kind Support (ISM) calculations when a beneficiary receives SSI. However, if a beneficiary receives shelter ISM, SSA will still ask about food to determine whether the 1/3 reduction or Presumed Maximum Value (PMV) applies. Individuals receiving assistance with shelter will still have to report food assistance.

Read more at: [Social Security to Remove Barriers to Accessing SSI Payments | SSA](#)

While this is positive news for the individuals who receive SSI, there’s still more work to be done. Almost three years ago, a bill was introduced in the Senate (2065) that would eliminate the marriage penalty and increase SSI federal benefit amounts

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limits for SSI beneficiaries.

To view the bill, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2065>

Contact your representatives:

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

A Message from the NABWIS Board

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