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A Guide to Social Security Benefits and Employment for Young People with Disabilities
Annual Supplement—2014 Figures



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2014?

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of 2012 through the third quarter of 2013, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a **1.5 percent COLA** for 2014.

Other important updates:

- The **Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)** amount for individuals with disabilities other than blindness has increased from \$1040/month to **\$1070**.
- The **SGA amount for individuals who are blind** has increased from \$1740/month to **\$1800**.
- The monthly earnings amount used to determine if a month counts for a **Trial Work Period (TWP)** has increased from \$750 to **\$770**.
- The income amount that will have no effect on benefits for SSI beneficiaries who are **students (Student Earned Income Exclusion)** has increased from \$1730/month to **\$1750**. The **yearly maximum** amount has increased from \$6960 to **\$7060**.
- The **1619b Massachusetts State Threshold Amount** for individuals receiving SSI is **\$39,730 (\$40,579** for people who are blind). This means that even if SSI cash benefits are eliminated, MassHealth coverage will remain in effect until annual earnings reach this threshold amount.

For a listing of each state's threshold amount, go to www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/1619b.htm

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