

Important Information about Your SSI State Supplement Program Payment

What is an SSP Payment? Part or all of the payment you currently get from the Social Security Administration (SSA) comes from money that Massachusetts sends to SSA for you. This is called the SSI State Supplement Program (SSP) payment. If SSA also makes a federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment to you, they add your SSP payment amount to your SSI payment amount, and they send you one payment on the first of each month.

What will change on April 1st? If you receive both SSI and SSP you will receive two checks or two direct deposits, one from SSA and one from the state.

If you receive only SSP you will receive one check or one direct deposit from the state. The state sending you your SSP payment will not change the total amount you receive.

Will I still get a payment from SSA on April 1st? Starting April 1, 2012, you will continue to get a payment from SSA if you are also eligible for SSI. Nothing will change in your eligibility or payment. If you do not know if you are eligible for SSI, you can call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to check. You may also visit their website at www.socialsecurity.gov for more information about SSI.

Do I need to do anything? No, there is no need for you to do anything.

Will I get information from SSA before April 1st? Yes. You will get a notice from SSA at the beginning of March. This notice will tell you that your SSI payment is changing. This means that they will not be sending your SSP payments starting on April 1, 2012. If you have questions about the notice you get from SSA, call the number on the notice or 1-800-772-1213.

How will I know if I got my payment from the state on April 1st? If SSA sends your current payments by direct deposit, then the state will send your payments by direct deposit to the same bank account. You will get a letter from the state in late March to let you know your payment has been sent to your account. If SSA sends your current payments by check, then the state will send your payments by check. Your April check will have a message on it to remind you that the payment has come from the state instead of SSA.

Why is this change happening? Massachusetts is making this change because it will cost the state less money to send your SSP payments directly to you instead of paying SSA to send them.

What if I have questions? If you have any questions, please call the Massachusetts SSP Customer Service Center at 877-863-1128. You may also visit the Massachusetts SSP website at www.mass.gov/hhs/ssp for more information.