



**Information  
Memorandum**

Oregon Department of Human Services

**Originating Cluster:**

**Seniors and People with Disabilities**

**Authorized by:** Elizabeth Lopez, Administrator  
*Signature*

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January 1, 2004

Cost-of-Living Increases (Social Sec. and SSI Recipients)

**Subject:** Client Offset Calculations

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| All DHS employees  | County DD Program Managers   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | County Mental Health Directors   |
| Children Adults and Families                               | Health Services  |
| Community Human Services                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| Other (please specify): _____                              |  |

**Message:**

Effective January 1, 2004, the Social Security Administration will grant a \$12.00 cost-of-living increase to Social Security and SSI recipients. Please allocate the increase as follows:

This will result in the following rates:

Program	SPD/AGED DISABLED		SPD/MH & DD	
	Room & Board	Personal Allowance	Room & Board	Personal Allowance
AD	455.70	110.00	439.70	126.00
OAA	455.70	110.00	439.70	126.00
AB	455.70	135.00	452.70	138.00

**For SSI/SSB Combination Cases**

Program	Room & Board	Personal Allowance	Room & Board	Personal Allowance
AD	455.70	128.30	439.70	144.30
OAA	455.70	128.30	439.70	144.30
AB	455.70	147.00	452.70	150.00

\* Personal allowance may be more depending upon the source of income, waived status, or other factors.

The increases specified above will affect all recipients except those receiving General Assistance (Program 5). Program 5 recipients will continue to receive \$297.00 monthly for Room and Board and \$40.00 for Personal Allowance.

#### ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ONLY:

Not-for-profit housing agencies and local housing authorities own the homes developed or purchased under the Community Integration Project (CIP) for the former residents of Fairview. Each year SPD allocates allowable rent amounts these owners may charge within the room and board category of the residents' unearned income. As of January 1, 2004 the allowable rental amount for the calendar year 2004 will be \$169.92.

Recipients with Railroad Retirement Benefits and Veterans' Benefits may also receive an increase. They must notify their SPD Disability Services Office of an increase as soon as they are notified of their new benefit amount.

#### ADULTS AND CHILDREN GENERALLY:

If recipients of SSB, Railroad Retirement, Veterans' Benefits, or other non-SSI sources of unearned income receive an increase greater than \$7.00, OMHAS and SPD may apply any balance remaining, after Room and Board, personal Allowance and other disregards are deducted, toward their service payment.

Please note that both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which administers Medicaid, and the Social Security Administration have set the allowable resource limit at \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple. If a recipient has more resources than this limit, she or he may lose medical eligibility and may be held responsible for the full service payment.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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