

## 2578 – SSI RECIPIENTS

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| <b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>     | An individual who receives SSI prior to admission to a nursing home (NH) has already had Medicaid eligibility established. A NH vendor payment can be authorized.  |
| <b>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</b> | <p>A NH vendor payment can be authorized for the SSI recipient entering a NH if all the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The A/R is a resident of Georgia.</li> <li>• The A/R has an approved Level of Care (LOC).</li> <li>• The A/R has not transferred a resource for less than fair market value within 36 months prior to the month of application.</li> </ul> <p>Individuals entering a NH who receive SSI only will have their SSI payment amount reduced to \$30.00. They will also receive a State Supplement of \$20 effective 7/1/06, making their Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) \$50.</p> <p>Individuals entering a NH who receive more than the LA-D FBR in monthly income from another source will have their SSI terminated and changed automatically to ABD Medicaid on the DMA Recipient Data Base</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Authorization of a vendor payment for a SSI recipient should not be delayed pending receipt of the SSI/DMP to MAO list.</p>   |
| <b>PROCEDURES</b>           | <p>Follow the steps below to authorize a NH vendor payment on a SSI recipient:</p> <p><b>Step 1</b> Complete and submit <a href="#">Form 107</a> to the SSA District office to report the SSI recipient's new living arrangement and address.</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Register, verify (SDX is acceptable) and document all income on the system.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Obtain A/R's or PR's statement regarding ownership of resources and possible transfer of assets. If a SSI only A/R's countable resources exceed the SSI resource limit, notate on <a href="#">Form 107</a> and forward to SSA. Unless/until SSA takes action, there is no affect on authorizing the vendor payment. If, however, the SSI A/R (SSI only and SSI/MAO) had assets which have been transferred, compute and impose a transfer penalty. Do not authorize the vendor payment. Refer to <a href="#">Section 2342</a>, Transfer of Resources. Verify income at the twelve month review for A/Rs whose SSI will be terminating.</p> <p><b>Step 4</b> Inform A/Rs and their representatives of Estate Recovery and provide them with <a href="#">Form 315</a>. Refer to <a href="#">Section 2398</a>, Estate Recovery.</p> |

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| <b>PROCEDURES</b><br><b>(cont.)</b> | <p><b>Step 5</b> Determine patient liability for the month of admission to LA-D using ALL income available to the A/R that month, INCLUDING SSI. Determine patient liability for the month(s) following the month of admission to LA-D using only the amount of SSI to which the recipient is entitled in LA-D (if any) plus all other income.</p> <p>NOTE: The month of admission to LA-D means the first month of continuous confinement in LA-D, including situations where the SSI recipient entered the NH from a hospital or other LA-D.</p> <p><b>Step 6</b> Do not delay in authorizing the vendor payment on the system and notifying the A/R , PR and the NH, even if you are still waiting on information regarding resources or transfers.</p> <p>Use the Admission date or Effective Date on Form DMA-59, whichever is later, as the Payment Authorization date in the system.</p> <p>SSI only recipients who are in the NH under Institutionalized Hospice should not be entered into SUCCESS. The Hospice agency directly bills DCH for their claims, etc.</p>   |
| <b>SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>       | <p><b>SSI Recipient is not a Resident of Georgia</b> Follow the procedures below if the SSI recipient entering a NH is not a resident of Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> authorize a vendor payment.</li> <li>• Notify DMA via Form 951 that the A/R is not a Georgia resident and therefore not eligible for Medicaid.</li> <li>• Notify SSA via <a href="#">Form 107</a> of the A/R's correct state of residence.</li> <li>• Notify the SSI recipient of his/her ineligibility for a vendor payment.</li> </ul> <p><b>SSI Recipient is not approved for Level of Care</b> Follow the procedures below if the SSI recipient entering a NH, Swing Bed, or a facility for the mentally retarded is not approved for a LOC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> authorize a vendor payment.</li> <li>• Notify the SSI recipient of his/her ineligibility for a vendor payment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reviews</b> Annual reviews are completed by SSA on SSI only NH recipients. It is not necessary for DFCS workers to complete annual reviews on these A/Rs. However, workers should check annually to confirm that recipient remains a resident of the NH.</p> |