

2578 – SSI RECIPIENTS

POLICY STATEMENT	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.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<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"> • The A/R is a resident of Georgia. • The A/R has an approved Level of Care (LOC). • The A/R has not transferred a resource for less than fair market value within 36 months prior to the month of application. <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>NOTE: Authorization of a vendor payment for a SSI recipient should not be delayed pending receipt of the SSI/DMP to MAO list.</p>
PROCEDURES	<p>Follow the steps below to authorize a NH vendor payment on a SSI recipient:</p> <p>Step 1 Complete and submit Form 107 to the SSA District office to report the SSI recipient's new living arrangement and address.</p> <p>Step 2 Register, verify (SDX is acceptable) and document all income on the system.</p> <p>Step 3 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 Form 107 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 Section 2342, Transfer of Resources. Verify income at the twelve month review for A/Rs whose SSI will be terminating.</p> <p>Step 4 Inform A/Rs and their representatives of Estate Recovery and provide them with Form 315. Refer to Section 2398, Estate Recovery.</p>

<p>PROCEDURES (cont.)</p>	<p>Step 5 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>Step 6 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>SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</p>	<p>SSI Recipient is not a Resident of Georgia Follow the procedures below if the SSI recipient entering a NH is not a resident of Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not authorize a vendor payment. • Notify DMA via Form 951 that the A/R is not a Georgia resident and therefore not eligible for Medicaid. • Notify SSA via Form 107 of the A/R's correct state of residence. • Notify the SSI recipient of his/her ineligibility for a vendor payment. <p>SSI Recipient is not approved for Level of Care 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"> • Do not authorize a vendor payment. • Notify the SSI recipient of his/her ineligibility for a vendor payment. <p>Reviews 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>