



**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
State Supplemental Payment (SSP)
State Administration
FACT SHEET**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides monthly benefits to people who are age 65 or older, blind or disabled and who have low income and limited resources.
- The State of Rhode Island supplements the Federal benefit rate for eligible persons.

CURRENT PROCESS

- The Social Security Administration currently determines eligibility for both the Federal benefit and the State Supplement in Rhode Island.
- Monthly payments include Federal and State benefits to those eligible.
- Some individuals may only be eligible for the smaller State Supplement.
- The Social Security Administration sends the Federal portion of the SSI benefit.
- The R.I. Department of Human Services issues supplemental benefits as a separate payment.
- Direct Deposits will be made on the first day of the month (same as the SSA).
- Checks will be mailed for delivery on the first day of each month. In the event the first is a weekend/holiday, the check will be mailed on the last business day of the previous month (same as the SSA).
- NOTE: In the event a direct deposit is rejected or a check is lost/stolen a replacement check will be re-issued in the next monthly payroll to eligible recipients.

VERIFICATION LETTER

- A letter is sent from the State of RI providing the dollar amount of the State benefit on a yearly basis to recipients.

OVERVIEW

- Applicants eligible for Federal and State payments will continue to be reviewed by the Federal SSA.
- Applicants first denied by the SSA because of income, will have their applications reviewed by a DHS representative.
- The DHS representative will initiate the Medical Assistance Review Team (MART) application for appropriate cases. The case will then be reviewed by the MART to determine disability.
- Applicants who visit one of the six field offices throughout the State may:
 - Complete an application and have the application forwarded to the designated agency representative. The application will be date stamped in the field office to protect the date of application and the applicant's request for assistance.
 - OR the applicant may request an interview with a DHS representative.
- Questions regarding this program can be directed to the DHS Call Center at 1-855-MY-RI-DHS (1-855-697-4347).
- Individuals speaking a language other than English will be assisted with the "Language Line."