
Continued Medicaid Eligibility (Section 1619(B))

One of the biggest concerns SSI beneficiaries have about going to work is the possibility of losing Medicaid coverage. Section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act provides some protection for these beneficiaries. To qualify for continuing Medicaid coverage, a person must:

- Have been eligible for an SSI cash payment for at least 1 month;
- Still meet the disability requirement; and
- Still meet all other non-disability SSI requirements; and
- Need Medicaid benefits to continue to work; and
- Have gross earnings that are insufficient to replace SSI, Medicaid and publicly funded attendant care services.

This means that SSI beneficiaries who have earnings too high for a SSI cash payment may be eligible for Medicaid if they meet the above requirements. SSA uses a threshold amount to measure whether a person's earnings are high enough to replace his/her SSI and Medicaid benefits. This threshold is based on the:

- amount of earnings which would cause SSI cash payments to stop in the person's State; and
- average Medicaid expenses in that State.

If a SSI beneficiary has gross earnings higher than the threshold amount for his/her State, SSA can figure an individual threshold amount if that person has:

- Impairment-related work expenses; or
- Blind work expenses; or
- A plan to achieve self-support; or
- Personal attendant whose fees are publicly funded; or
- Medical expenses above the average State amount.

We show the 2017 and 2016 threshold amounts for each State below for disabled and blind beneficiaries. (Please note that four states have separate threshold amounts for blind beneficiaries.) We usually update these amounts annually for the prior calendar year. These amounts continue in effect until replaced with the next year's amounts when they become available.

STATE	THRESHOLD
ALABAMA	\$26,962
ALASKA	\$56,204
ARIZONA	\$35,955
ARKANSAS	\$29,877
CALIFORNIA	\$36,738
COLORADO	\$33,020
CONNECTICUT	\$66,308
DELAWARE	\$43,877
D.C.	\$43,825
FLORIDA	\$30,600
GEORGIA	\$30,797
HAWAII	\$41,235
IDAHO	\$38,943
ILLINOIS	\$27,102
INDIANA	\$37,642
IOWA	\$32,901
KANSAS	\$34,773
KENTUCKY	\$29,954
LOUISIANA	\$31,563
MAINE	\$35,735
MARYLAND	\$40,005

MASSACHUSETTS	\$40,333
MICHIGAN	\$35,688
MINNESOTA	\$52,794
MISSISSIPPI	\$30,344
MISSOURI	\$36,828
MONTANA	\$31,735
NEBRASKA	\$39,146
NEVADA	\$32,246
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$39,920
NEW JERSEY	\$34,656
NEW MEXICO	\$32,789
NEW YORK	\$43,364
NORTH CAROLINA	\$33,707
NORTH DAKOTA	\$46,690
OHIO	\$39,326
OKLAHOMA	\$30,310
OREGON	\$34,591
PENNSYLVANIA	\$37,567
RHODE ISLAND	\$32,405
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$30,274
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$35,903
TENNESSEE	\$39,851

TEXAS	\$34,821
UTAH	\$34,222
VERMONT	\$41,007
VIRGINIA	\$35,684
WASHINGTON	\$32,760
WEST VIRGINIA	\$32,119
WISCONSIN	\$33,173
WYOMING	\$36,291
NO.MARIANA ISL.	\$18,660

2016 1619(b) THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR DISABLED SSI BENEFICIARIES

STATE	THRESHOLD
ALABAMA	\$27,075
ALASKA	\$55,597
ARIZONA	\$36,522
ARKANSAS	\$29,763
CALIFORNIA	\$37,184
COLORADO	\$33,605
CONNECTICUT	\$66,520
DELAWARE	\$42,664
D.C.	\$39,930
FLORIDA	\$30,566
GEORGIA	\$30,315

HAWAII	\$37,949
IDAHO	\$39,570
ILLINOIS	\$27,370
INDIANA	\$36,772
IOWA	\$32,575
KANSAS	\$35,021
KENTUCKY	\$29,746
LOUISIANA	\$31,305
MAINE	\$32,667
MARYLAND	\$41,740
MASSACHUSETTS	\$39,662
MICHIGAN	\$34,923
MINNESOTA	\$50,971
MISSISSIPPI	\$29,876
MISSOURI	\$36,376
MONTANA	\$30,970
NEBRASKA	\$38,579
NEVADA	\$32,307
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$39,640
NEW JERSEY	\$35,003
NEW MEXICO	\$35,617
NEW YORK	\$43,583

NORTH CAROLINA	\$34,131
NORTH DAKOTA	\$44,673
OHIO	\$38,509
OKLAHOMA	\$30,262
OREGON	\$33,221
PENNSYLVANIA	\$36,567
RHODE ISLAND	\$34,239
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$30,834
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$35,233
TENNESSEE	\$38,613
TEXAS	\$34,670
UTAH	\$34,936
VERMONT	\$39,943
VIRGINIA	\$35,118
WASHINGTON	\$32,875
WEST VIRGINIA	\$31,883
WISCONSIN	\$33,392
WYOMING	\$36,253
NO.MARIANA ISL.	\$18,612

2017 1619(b) THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR BLIND SSI BENEFICIARIES

STATE	THRESHOLD
CALIFORNIA	\$38,058

IOWA	\$33,429
MASSACHUSETTS	\$41,182
NEVADA	\$33,995

2016 1619(b) THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR BLIND SSI BENEFICIARIES

STATE	THRESHOLD
CALIFORNIA	\$38,504
IOWA	\$33,103
MASSACHUSETTS	\$40,511
NEVADA	\$34,056