

# Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Part I

## SSI & Overpayments What Are Overpayments

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# What Will You Learn?

- What Is An Overpayment?
- When Does An Overpayment Happen?
- How Do SSI Overpayments Happen?



# Social Security Beneficiaries

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – person receiving money from the government, the beneficiary, is at least 65 years old, blind, or disabled, with very low or no income.
- The government provides you with money because you are unable to work because of your age, disability or medical condition.



# What Is An Overpayment?

An overpayment happens when you, as a person receiving SSI, receive money that you were not entitled to receive.



# How Do SSI Overpayments Occur?

- You, as an SSI beneficiary, receive help with food and shelter expenses.
- You have a change in the make-up or income of your household.
- You, as an SSI recipient, have resources (cash or things) above the allowable monthly limit - \$2,000 individual, \$3,000 couple.



# How Do SSI Overpayments Occur? (cont.)

- You, as an SSI beneficiary, begin working and your benefit payments are not changed.
- Your health or medical condition improves, and you may no longer be eligible for benefits.





# When Does An Overpayment Occur?

➤ An overpayment does not happen until you receive an overpayment notice from the government. A written notice will include:

- 1.) the reason for the overpayment
- 2.) the amount of the overpayment
- 3.) the month(s) in which the overpayment occurred



# Things To Remember

- **Overpayments can happen if the government claims you received SSI benefits you were not entitled to receive.**
- **An overpayment notice from the government must be shared with a family member, support coordinator or trusted friend.**
- **Overpayments can happen because you receive help with food or shelter, your income changes or you have resources (cash or things) over a certain amount.**



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