

## **SOCIAL SECURITY-What's New in 2015?**

We increased the Substantial Gainful Activity amount for individuals with disabilities, other than blindness, from \$1,070 to \$1,090 for 2015.

We increased the SGA amount for individuals who are blind from \$1,800 to \$1,820 for 2015.

The monthly earnings amount that we use to determine if a month counts for the Trial Work Period month is \$780 per month in 2015.

We increased the Supplemental Security Income Federal Benefit Rates from \$721 to \$733 per month for an eligible individual and from \$1,082 to \$1,100 per month for an eligible couple for 2015.

For 2015, the amount of earnings that will have no effect on eligibility or benefits for SSI beneficiaries who are students has increased from \$7,060 to \$7,180 a year. The amount of earnings that we can exclude each month, until we have excluded the maximum for the year, has increased from \$1,750 to \$1,780 a month.

For 2015, the monthly Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance Base Premium is \$407 and the 45 percent Reduced Premium is \$224. The Part B Supplemental Medical Insurance monthly Base Premium is \$104.90, the same as it was in 2014.

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/redbook/newfor2015.htm>

# PICKLE HANDBOOK

## 2015 ISM VALUES FOR COMPUTING PICKLE ELIGIBILITY <http://policy.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500835901>

	Individual	Couple
VTR (not rebuttable)*	\$244.33	\$366.67
PMV (rebuttable)**	\$264.33	\$386.67

The VTR is the payment level to use in situations 1, 2, and 3 below. The PMV is the unearned income amount to add in other situations. The following chart provides the method to use for determining Pickle eligibility for individuals and couples in various living arrangements.

Household Situation (Living Arrangement)	Principle
1. Living in household of another throughout a month and receiving both food and shelter from someone in the household.	Reduce the applicable payment level by one-third the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR). Use the VTR.
2. Living in household of another who is providing both food and shelter and also receiving ISM from a third party.	Reduce the FBR payment level by one-third (VTR). Exclude third party ISM.
3. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying both food and shelter.	Add VTR from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income.
4. Living in own household (ownership or rental liability) and receiving ISM from someone outside the household.	Add PMV to other unearned income.
5. Living in non-institutional care* situation or group home and receiving ISM from someone outside the household.	Add PMV to other unearned income.
6. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying food or shelter.	Add PMV from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income.

Household Situation (Living Arrangement)	Principle
7. Living in household of another and sharing partial or total household expenses.	If pro rata share is contributed, we use the SSI/SSP payment level for a person in an “independent living arrangement.” If pro rata share is not contributed, add PMV.
8. One member of an eligible couple lives in the household of another and receives both food and shelter from the householder while the second member lives in his/her home or a non-medical institution.	One-sixth of the FBR for a couple for the person living in the household of another. (VTR-not rebuttable.)
9. If the non-institutionalized spouse lives in any other situation.	One-sixth of the FBR for a couple plus \$10.
10. Paying less than Current Market Rental Value (CMRV) for shelter. (See page 1-2.)	Add PMV unless criteria for earned/unearned income is met (see ISM).

\* VTR – Value of One-Third Reduction

\*\* PMV – Presumed Maximum Value

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## SSI/SSP SECTION 16--PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2015 (Rates used may be May 1, 2009 rates)

### Independent Living Arrangement

Individual:	Total	SSI	SSP
Aged or Disabled	\$889.40	\$733.00	\$156.40
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>	\$973.40	\$733.00	\$240.40
Blind	\$944.40	\$733.00	\$211.40
Disabled Minor living with parents*	\$796.40	\$733.00	\$63.40
Disabled Minor living with non-parent relative/guardian*			

### Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)

Individual:	Total	SSI	SSP
Aged or Disabled	\$658.67		
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			
Blind	\$739.67		
Disabled Minor living with parents*	\$555.50	\$488.67	\$66.83
Disabled Minor living with non-parent relative/guardian*			

### Household of Relative with In-Kind R&B (NMOHC<sup>2</sup>)

Individual:	Total	SSI	SSP
Aged or Disabled	\$961.40		
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			
Blind	\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00
Disabled Minor living with parents*	\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00
Disabled Minor living with non-parent relative/guardian*			

### Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC<sup>2</sup>)

Individual:	Total	SSI	SSP
Aged or Disabled	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			
Blind	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00
Disabled Minor living with parents*			
Disabled Minor living with non-parent relative/guardian*	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00

\*: Independent living arrangement for a disabled minor means living in the home of his/her parents. Household of another is used if both the disabled minor and his/her parents live in the household of someone else, i.e., grandparents, etc.

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*SSI/SSP SECTION 16--PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2015  
(Rates used may be May 1, 2009 rates)*

**Independent Living Arrangement**

<b>Couple:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SSI</b>	<b>SSP</b>
Aged or Disabled per couple	\$1,524.20		
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,664.20	\$1,100.00	\$564.20
Blind per couple	\$1,751.00		
Blind, Aged, or Disabled per couple	\$1,666.00		

**Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)**

<b>Couple:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SSI</b>	<b>SSP</b>
Aged or Disabled per couple	\$1,233.33		
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,460.00		
Blind per couple	\$1,374.00		
Blind, Aged, or Disabled per couple	\$1,767.00		

**Household of Relative with In-Kind R&B (NMOHC<sup>2</sup>)**

<b>Couple:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SSI</b>	<b>SSP</b>
Aged or Disabled per couple	\$1,779.00	\$733.34	\$1,045.66
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			
Blind per couple	\$1,779.20	\$733.34	\$1,045.66
Blind, Aged, or Disabled per couple	\$1,779.00	\$733.34	\$1,045.66

**Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC<sup>2</sup>)**

<b>Couple:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SSI</b>	<b>SSP</b>
Aged or Disabled per couple	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00
Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			
Blind per couple	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00
Blind, Aged, or Disabled per couple	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00

1: RMA – Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$84.00 individual; \$168.00 Couple

2: NMOCH – Nonmedical out-of-home care living in household of relative or guardian with In-Kind Room and Board

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## SSI/SSP SECTION 16--PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2015 (Rates used may be May 1, 2009 rates)

### Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)

Individual: Aged, Blind, or Disabled	\$733.00
Couple: Aged, Blind, or Disabled	\$1,100.00

### Title XIX Medical Facility

Individual	\$50.00
Couple	\$100.00

### Nonmedical Board and Care

Board and Room	\$492.00	
Care and Supervision	(min) \$422.00	(max) \$522.00
Personal and Incidental Needs	(max) \$231.00	(min) \$131.00
Totals	\$1,145.00	

## 2014 PICKLE MULTIPLIERS

*2015 VALUES FOR COMPUTING PICKLE IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE  
(SI 00835.901 Program Operations Manual System)*

<b>Date of Last SSI</b>	<b>Cost of Living Amount</b>	<b>Multiplier</b>
1/14 through 12/14	1.017	0.0167
1/13 through 12/13	1.015	0.0312
1/12 through 12/12	1.017	0.0474
1/11 through 12/11	1.036	0.0805
1/10 through 12/10	1	0.0805
1/09 through 12/09	1	0.0805
1/08 through 12/08	1.058	0.1309
1/07 through 12/07	1.023	0.1505
1/06 through 12/06	1.033	0.1776
1/05 through 12/05	1.041	0.21
1/04 through 12/04	1.027	0.2308
1/03 through 12/03	1.021	0.2466
1/02 through 12/02	1.014	0.257
1/01 through 12/01	1.026	0.2758
1/00 through 12/00	1.035	0.3003
1/99 through 12/99	1.024	0.3167
1/98 through 12/98	1.013	0.3255
1/97 through 12/97	1.021	0.3394
1/96 through 12/96	1.029	0.358
1/95 through 12/95	1.026	0.3743
1/94 through 12/94	1.028	0.3913
1/93 through 12/93	1.026	0.4067
1/92 through 12/92	1.03	0.424
1/91 through 12/91	1.037	0.4446
1/90 through 12/90	1.054	0.473
1/89 through 12/89	1.047	0.4967
1/88 through 12/88	1.04	0.516
1/87 through 12/87	1.042	0.5355
1/86 through 12/86	1.013	0.5415
1/85 through 12/85	1.031	0.5553
1/84 through 12/84	1.035	0.5703
7/82 through 12/83	1.035	0.5848
7/81 through 06/82	1.074	0.6135
7/80 through 06/81	1.112	0.6524
7/79 through 06/80	1.143	0.6959
7/78 through 06/79	1.099	0.7233
7/77 through 06/78	1.065	0.7402
4/77 through 06/77	1.059	0.7546