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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: *KP* Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
for SS
Re: Cross Programs: Social Security COLA for TAFDC, EAEDC, and SNAP

Overview

Every year in January, the Social Security Administration (SSA) implements a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. This COLA can affect TAFDC, EAEDC, and SNAP benefits. COLA calculations for February 2024 DTA benefits are anticipated to be completed on the following schedule:

- Social Security numbers ending in 0-5 will be completed from 1/19/24-1/21/24; and
- Social Security numbers ending in 6-9 will be completed from 1/26/24-1/28/24.

This year, the SSA COLA will increase RSDI and SSI income by 3.2 percent and Medicare Part B premiums, Medicare Part D deductibles, and the Medex premiums are being adjusted.

The households impacted by the SSA COLA change will be sent a notice.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- the implementation of the SSA COLA;
 - information on the 2024 Medicare Part B premiums, 2024 Medicare Part D deductibles, and the 2024 Medex premiums; and
 - corresponding updates to the Online Guide.
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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#)

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
