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**Online Guide Transmittal 2025-1**  
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**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff  
**From:**  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management  
**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 2025 DTA benefits are anticipated to be completed on the following schedule:

- Social Security numbers ending in 0-3 will be completed from 1/17/25-1/20/25;
- Social Security numbers ending in 4-8 will be completed from 1/25/25-1/27/25; and
- Social Security numbers ending in 9 will be completed on 2/1/25.

This year, the SSA COLA will increase RSDI and SSI income by 2.5 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 2025 Medicare Part B premiums, 2025 Medicare Part D deductibles, and the 2025 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](#).

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