

Going to Work: A Guide to Social Security Benefits and Employment for Tenants with Disabilities

Annual Supplement of Updated Figures

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2006?

- The **Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)** amount for individuals with disabilities other than blindness has increased from \$830 to **\$860 for 2006**.
- The **SGA amount for individuals who are blind** has increased from \$1380 to **\$1450 for 2006**.
- The monthly earnings amount used to determine if a month counts for a **Trial Work Period (TWP)** has increased from \$590 to **\$620 for 2006**.
- The income amounts that will have no effect on benefits for SSI beneficiaries who are **students (Student Earned Income Exclusion)** have increased. **For 2006**, the **monthly amount** increased from \$1410 to **\$1460** and the **yearly maximum** from \$5670 to **\$5910**.
- **For 2006**, the monthly Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance Base Premium is **\$393**.
- **For 2006**, the **1619b Massachusetts State Threshold Amount** for individuals receiving SSI increased from \$31,786 to **\$32,799** (\$33,648 for people who are blind). This means that even if SSI cash benefits are eliminated, MassHealth coverage will remain in effect until annual earnings reach this threshold amount.