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A Guide to Social Security Benefits and Employment for Young People with Disabilities  
Annual Supplement—2013 Figures



## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2013?

### **Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):**

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of 2011 through the third quarter of 2012, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a **1.7 percent COLA** for 2013.

### **Other important updates:**

- The **Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)** amount for individuals with disabilities other than blindness has increased from \$1010/month to **\$1040**.
- The **SGA amount for individuals who are blind** has increased from \$1690/month to **\$1740**.
- The monthly earnings amount used to determine if a month counts for a **Trial Work Period (TWP)** has increased from \$720 to **\$750**.
- The income amount that will have no effect on benefits for SSI beneficiaries who are **students (Student Earned Income Exclusion)** has increased from \$1700/month to **\$1730**. The **yearly maximum** amount has increased from \$6840 to **\$6960**.
- The **1619b Massachusetts State Threshold Amount** for individuals receiving SSI is **\$38,936 (\$39,785** 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.

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