



What Do I Need to Report to Social Security When Receiving SSI Benefits?

WHAT DO I NEED TO REPORT WHILE RECEIVING SSI BENEFITS?

You need to report the following events to Social Security:

- a. Change of address (both mailing address and where you actually live)
- b. Change in living arrangement, including the addition of a new person to the household
- c. Change in marital status
- d. Death of a spouse or member of household
- e. Admission to a nursing home or hospital
- f. Admission to prison or jail
- g. Change in income
- h. Receipt of any income, including wages from work, alimony, child support, unemployment benefits, etc.
- i. Receipt of any benefit payments to household, including benefits to spouse, child, parent, or other household member
- j. Change in resources (such as an inheritance or gift)
- k. Leaving the US for more than 30 days, including trips to Puerto Rico and other U.S - held territories.
- l. Medical improvement
- m. Ability to work over the substantial gainful activity level

HOW DO I REPORT EVENTS TO SSA?

You can notify Social Security orally or in writing, but it is better to do so in writing. You should send a letter by certified mail, return receipt requested, to your local Social Security Office. Keep a copy of your letter and save proof of mailing. Include your name, social security number, the details of your change, and, if you received funds, the amount you received and the date you received it. **You must report the receipt of monies within 10 days after the close of the month in which you receive the monies.** For example, if you receive an alimony payment on July 3rd, you must report it to the Social Security by August 10th. Social Security can impose a penalty and deduct money from your benefits if you do not make a timely report.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may call Mobilization for Justice, Inc.'s Government Benefits Project at 212-417-3732 on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are a mental health consumer you may call Mobilization for Justice's Mental Health Law Project intake line at 212-417-3830 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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