

**Do you Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?
Are You Going into a Nursing Home or Hospital and
Planning to Return Home?**

TIPS for keeping your SSI to Pay Your Rent

If you go into a hospital or nursing home but plan to return to your home, you may need to pay rent to maintain your residence. This fact sheet explains how to preserve your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for up to **THREE MONTHS** in order to maintain your home during your “medical confinement” in a hospital or nursing home. If you do not take these steps, your SSI may be reduced to \$55/month the month after the month you enter the nursing home or hospital.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a type of federal cash benefit for people age 65+ or who have a permanent disability and who have low income and limited resources. The maximum SSI income for a single person in NY State is \$881/month (2021, which includes a NYS supplement). It can be less depending on your other income and living arrangement.

If you follow the steps below, you may be able to receive your full SSI check for the first **THREE** months after the month you enter a nursing home or hospital. If you do not follow these steps, your SSI may be reduced to \$55/month in NY for the time you are in the hospital or nursing home.

If you are still medically confined after 3 months, your SSI check may be reduced to \$55/month or you may be ineligible for SSI due to residence in a public medical institution. These rules are in the Social Security procedures manual - [POMS § SI 00520.140](#). (Download at <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lrx/0500520140>)

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You must submit proof of TWO facts.

1. Proof that your medical confinement is not expected to last longer than 90 days. You can submit EITHER
 - a. A written certification by a physician or social worker from the hospital or nursing home, OR
 - b. The facility's admissions or other records which reflect a physician's written statement; or
 - c. Information from the attending physician's written records;AND
2. Proof that you [need to pay expenses to return home](#) –such as that you pay rent.

When must you submit this documentation? These statements must be postmarked, faxed or delivered to a Social Security Office no later than the 90th day of medical confinement, or the day of release, whichever is earlier.

A contact list of SSA offices in NYC is attached to this Fact Sheet.

MODEL FORM -- Attached is a model form you can mail, fax, or bring to the Social Security office. A physician and/or social worker from the hospital or nursing home must sign it. Keep proof that you delivered it by hand, mailed it certified, e-mailed or faxed it. This one form satisfies both of the two requirements for keeping your SSI check for 3 months.

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Social Security offices in New York State - Fax & Phone numbers

County	Office	Address	City	Fax	Phone
Albany	Albany	11A Clinton Avenue, Suite 430	Albany, NY 12207	(833) 950-3602	(866) 253 9183
Bronx	South Bronx	820 Concourse Village West, 3rd Floor	Bronx, NY 10451	(833) 515-0472	(855) 531 1684
Bronx	Hunts Point	1029 East 163rd Street, 3rd Floor	Bronx, NY 10459	(833) 950-2681	(866) 220 9777
Bronx	Laconia	3247 Laconia Avenue	Bronx, NY 10469	(833) 950-2987	(866) 347 0054
Bronx	East Bronx	1380 Parker Street	Bronx, NY 10462	(833) 950-2373	(866) 931 2526
Bronx	West Farms	1829 Southern Boulevard	Bronx, NY 10460	(833) 950-3280	(866) 964 2558
Bronx	North Bronx	2501 Grand Concourse, 2nd Floor	Bronx, NY 10468	(833) 924-0960	(877) 619 2852
Broome	Binghamton	2 Court Street, Suite 300	Binghamton, NY 13901	(833) 950-3606	(866) 964 3971
Cattaraugus	Olean	1618 West State Street	Olean, NY 14760	(833) 950-2365	(877) 319 5773
Chautauqua	Jamestown	321 Hazeltine Avenue	Jamestown, NY 14701	(833) 515-0470	(877) 319 3079
Chautauqua	Dunkirk	437 Main Street, Suite 2	Dunkirk, NY 14048	(833) 950-3276	(888) 862 2139
Chemung	Horseheads	3345 Chambers Road, Suite 19	Horseheads, NY 14845	(833) 515-0476	(866) 964 1715
Clinton	Plattsburgh	14 Durkee Street, Suite 230	Plattsburgh, NY 12901	(833) 902-2539	(866) 964 7430
Columbia	Hudson	747 Warren Street	Hudson, NY 12534	(833) 950-2675	(877) 828 1691
Dutchess	Poughkeepsie	332 Main Street	Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	(833) 926-1871	(877) 405 6747
Erie	Ridge Road	1900 Ridge Road, Suite 120	West Seneca, NY 14224	(833) 950-2967	(800) 647 9195
Erie	Buffalo	186 Exchange Street, Suite 100	Buffalo, NY 14204	(833) 950-3604	(855) 881 0213
Fulton	Gloversville	13 North Arlington Avenue	Gloversville, NY 12078	(833) 902-2535	(888) 528 9446
Genesee	Batavia	Eastown Plaza, 571 East Main St.	Batavia, NY 14020	(833) 950-2367	(866) 931 7103
Jefferson	Watertown	156 Bellew Avenue South	Watertown, NY 13601	(833) 926-1865	(866) 627 6995
Kings	Flatbush	2250 Nostrand Avenue	Brooklyn, NY 11210	(833) 902-2543	(866) 563 9461
Kings	New Utrecht	7714 17th Avenue	Brooklyn, NY 11214	(833) 926-2696	(866) 585 9320
Kings	Bedford Heights	1540 Fulton Street	Brooklyn NY 11216	(833) 950-2683	(866) 592 4845
Kings	Cypress Hills	3386 Fulton Street	Brooklyn, NY 11208	(833) 939-1983	(866) 613 2767
Kings	Canarsie	1871 Rockaway Parkway	Brooklyn, NY 11236-5037	(833) 950-3284	(866) 667 7342
Kings	Boro Hall	195 Montague Street, 7th Floor	Brooklyn, NY 11201	(833) 950-3610	(877) 531 4725
Kings	Bushwick	785 Flushing Avenue, 3rd Floor	Brooklyn, NY 11206	(833) 926-2692	(888) 327 1276
Monroe	Greece	4050 West Ridge Road, 2nd Floor	Rochester, NY 14626	(833) 950-3596	(866) 331 2204

Monroe	Rochester	200 East Main Street	Rochester, NY 14604	(833) 515-0464	(866) 964 2045
Nassau	Mineola	211 Station Road	Mineola, NY 11501-4226	(833) 939-1981	(866) 758 1318
Nassau	Freeport	84 North Main Street	Freeport, NY 11520	(833) 950-2671	(866) 964 0028
New York	Downtown	123 William Street, 4th Floor	New York, NY 10038	(833) 515-0466	(866) 335 1089
New York	Midtown	237 West 48th Street, 5th Floor	New York, NY 10036	(833) 950-3598	(866) 964 0783
New York	Uptown	302 West 126th Street, 4th Floor	New York, NY 10027	(833) 515-0482	(866) 964 1301
New York	East Village	650 East 12th Street	New York, NY 10009	(833) 950-2965	(877) 405 1447
New York	East Harlem	345 East 102nd Street, 4th Floor	New York, NY 10029	(833) 950-2679	(877) 445 0836
New York	Inwood Hill	4941 Broadway	New York, NY 10034	(833) 926-2690	(877) 445 0838
Niagara	Niagara Falls	6540 Niagara Falls Boulevard	Niagara Falls, NY 14304	(833) 515-0478	(877) 480 4992
Oneida	Utica	10 Broad Street	Utica, NY 13501	(833) 515-0468	(877) 405 6750
Onondaga	Syracuse	Federal Building 4th Floor, 100 South	Syracuse, NY 13261	(833) 950-3600	(866) 755 4884
Ontario/Seneca	Geneva	15 Lewis Street	Geneva, NY 14456	(833) 950-2363	(866) 331 7759
Orange	Newburgh	3 Washington Center, Suite 301	Newburgh, NY 12550	(833) 902-2527	(866) 504 4801
Oswego	Oswego	Hillside Commons, 17 Fourth Avenue	Oswego, NY 13126	(833) 902-2537	(866) 964 7593
Otsego	Oneonta	31 Main Street	Oneonta, NY 13820	(833) 950-2371	(877) 628 6581
Queens	Rockaway Park	113-06 Rockaway Beach Blvd	Rockaway Park, NY 11694-2	(833) 950-2685	(866) 331 2310
Queens	Jamaica	1 Jamaica Center Plaza, 3rd Floor	Jamaica, NY 11432-3830	(833) 902-2531	(866) 592 0802
Queens	Long Island City	31-08 37th Avenue	Long Island City, NY 11101	(833) 950-3265	(866) 837 1096
Queens	Rego Park	63-44 Austin Street	Rego Park, NY 11374	(833) 902-2529	(877) 255 1506
Queens	Flushing	138-50 Barclay Avenue	Flushing, NY 11355	(833) 950-2379	(877) 457 1735
Rensselaer	Troy	500 Federal Street, Suite 101	Troy, NY 12180	(833) 926-1867	(866) 770 2662
Richmond	Staten Island	2391 Richmond Avenue	Staten Island, NY 10314	(833) 902-2533	(866) 331 5288
Richmond	Hylan Boulevard	1510 Hylan Boulevard, 2nd Floor	Staten Island, NY 10305	(833) 950-3286	(877) 457 1736
Rockland	West Nyack	240 West Nyack Road	West Nyack, NY 10994	(833) 950-2377	(866) 755 4334
Schenectady	Schenectady	One Broadway Center, 8th Floor	Schenectady, NY 12305	(833) 950-3608	(866) 964 0018
St. Lawrence	Ogdensburg	101 Ford Street	Ogdensburg, NY 13669	(833) 515-0480	(866) 572 8369
Steuben	Corning	200 Nasser Civic Center Plaza	Corning, NY 14830	(833) 950-2361	(866) 591 3665
Suffolk	Patchogue	75 Oak Street	Patchogue, NY 11772	(833) 926-2694	(866) 771 1991
Suffolk	Melville	1121 Old Walt Whitman Rd., Suite 20	Melville, NY 11747	(833) 950-2369	(866) 964 0165
Suffolk	West Babylon	510 Park Avenue	West Babylon, NY 11704	(833) 950-2969	(866) 964 7375
Suffolk	Riverhead	526 East Main Street	Riverhead, NY 11901	(833) 950-2687	(888) 397 9819

