

Authorization for Reimbursement of Interim Assistance Initial Claim or Posteligibility Case

Name		Social Security Number
Street	City	Zip Code
Telephone		

The term “county agency” means the _____.

Check the following box that applies to you. The county agency can use this form for either an initial claim or a claim made after SSI cash benefits are suspended or terminated. If both blocks are checked, the form is not valid.

Initial Claim Only – used for a new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application.

Or

Posteligibility Case Only – used when SSI cash benefits have been suspended or terminated.

TERMS OF AUTHORIZATION

The interim assistance period begins with:

- The month I become eligible for SSI cash benefits, if I checked **Initial Claim Only**.
- The month when my SSI cash benefits are reinstated after a period of SSI suspension or SSI termination, if I checked the **Posteligibility Case Only**.

This authorization is not binding to me or the county agency if the county agency does not notify the SSA within 30 calendar days of the date that I sign it. I understand that this authorization is effective from the date the county agency receives it.

This authorization will end whichever period is longer:

- Twelve (12) months from the date I signed it, or
- At the end of the time permitted to request a SSA administrative or judicial review of the decision to suspend or terminate my SSI benefits unless I file a timely request for such a review.

If one of the following events occurs earlier, this authorization will cease to have effect as of that date:

- SSA pays the first SSI cash benefit after I have applied for SSI, or following the suspension or termination of my SSI benefits; or
- SSA makes a final decision on my claim for SSI benefits and I do not file a timely appeal; or
- I agree with the county to terminate my authorization.

If I meet the eligibility requirements to receive SSI cash benefits and the SSA sends a reimbursement to the county agency, the county agency will then send me a form 470-1949, *Notice of Interim Assistance Payment*, explaining:

- The amount from my SSI cash benefits that SSA paid the county agency for interim assistance given to me.
- That I can ask for an appeal hearing if I disagree with the county agency records about the living expenses paid for me during the interim assistance period.

RIGHTS TO A HEARING

I understand that I have a right to a hearing before the County Board of Supervisors or the County Veteran Affairs Commission if I disagree with any action regarding this authorization. I understand that I must request the hearing within 30 days after the date the form 470-1949, *Notice of Interim Assistance Payment*, is issued to me.

APPLICANT’S AUTHORIZATION

By signing this form, I authorize the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reimburse the county agency the amount equal to the living expenses that the county agency gave to me or paid on my behalf during the interim assistance period.

Signature of Individual Receiving Interim Assistance		Date Signed
Signature of Authorized County Agency Staff		Date Received
GR Code	Telephone Number	
County Office Address	City	Zip Code

Interim Assistance Reimbursement Questions and Answers

What actions am I authorizing when I sign this form?

- When you sign this form you are authorizing the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to use your SSI cash benefits to pay back the county agency for some or all of the money the county agency paid for your living expenses.
- Only the expenses paid during the months SSA decides you can get Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) cash benefits are reimbursable.

Initial Claim Only, What does checking this box mean?

- If you become eligible for SSI, SSA pays the county agency from your SSI cash benefits.
- This payment will cover the county agency paid expenses from the first month you were eligible to receive SSI cash benefits through the month your monthly SSI cash benefit begins.
- If the county agency cannot stop their last payment made to you for living expenses, SSA can reimburse the county agency for this additional payment amount.

Posteligibility Case Only, What does checking this box mean?

- You are authorizing the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reimburse the county agency for some or all of the money the county agency paid for your living expenses.
- The money support that you get from the county agency covers months while SSA decides if your SSI cash benefits can be reinstated after they have been terminated or suspended.
- If your SSI cash benefits start again, SSA will pay the county agency from the retroactive SSI cash benefits due to you.
- If the county agency cannot stop their last payment made to you for living expenses, SSA can reimburse the county agency for this additional payment amount.

How does SSA determine how much of my SSI money will be paid to the county agency?

SSA decides the amount of payment to the county agency by:

1. Looking at the amount of money paid for your expenses by the county agency each month.
2. Looking at the amount of your retroactive SSI cash benefit for each of those months.
3. Then determining how much money from the SSI cash benefit for that month will be paid to the county agency.

How long does this authorization last for the county agency and me?

- This authorization is in effect for you and the county agency for 12 months.
- The 12 months begin with the date the SSA receives the authorization from the county agency and ends 12 months later.
- Both you and a county agency authorized staff must sign and date the authorization for the authorization to be valid.

The county agency must send SSA the authorization form within 30 calendar days of the date you signed the authorization. If the form is late, SSA will not accept the form as a valid authorization. SSA will not pay any of your retroactive SSI benefits to the county agency. SSA will send you any SSI money that may be due you, based on SSA's regular payment rules.

Can the authorization stay effective longer than the 12-month period? Can the authorization end before or after the 12-month period ends?

The authorization can stay effective longer than the 12-month period, if you:

- Apply for SSI benefits before the county agency has the authorization form, or
- Apply within the 12-month period the authorization is effective, or
- File a valid appeal of SSA's determination on your initial claim.

The period of the authorization can end before the 12-month period ends, or end after the 12-month period ends when any of these actions take place:

- SSA makes the first SSI payment on your initial claim; or
- SSA makes a final determination on your claim; or
- The county agency and you agree to terminate this authorization.

The authorization period will end with the day of the month any of these actions take place.

Exceptions apply to this rule. SSA must receive the form within 30 calendar days of the date you signed the authorization. If the form is received later, SSA will not accept the form as a valid authorization. SSA will not pay any of your retroactive SSI benefits to the county agency. SSA will send you any SSI money that may be due you, based on SSI's regular payment rules.

Can SSA use this authorization form to protect my filing date for SSI benefits?

- Yes, SSA can use this form to protect your filing date. When you sign this form, you are saying that you have the intention of filing for SSI benefits if you have not already applied for benefits.
- You have 60 days from the date the county agency receives this form to file for SSI benefits.
- Your eligibility to receive SSI benefits can be as early as the date you sign this authorization if you file within the 60-day time period. If you file for SSI benefits after the 60-day time period, this form will not protect your filing date. Your filing date will be later than the date you sign this form.

What kind of county agency payment qualifies for reimbursement by SSA?

SSA can reimburse a county agency for a payment made for your living expenses that is paid only from county agency or local funds. No reimbursements are made for payments made from federal funds.

What can I do if I disagree with the county agency's decision?

- You must tell the county agency that you disagree with a decision the county agency made about expenses paid for you during the reimbursement process.
- You will receive a county agency notice telling you how to appeal the decision.
- You cannot appeal to SSA if you disagree with any county agency decision.

How will I know how much money the county agency gets from my SSI cash benefits?

Within 10 working days after the county agency receives the reimbursement money from SSA, the county agency must send you a notice. The notice will tell you three things:

1. The amount of the payments the county agency paid you.
2. That SSA will send you a letter explaining how SSA will pay any remaining SSI money due to you.
3. Your right to disagree with the county agency, including how to request a hearing.