

SSI

The First SSI Payment: When will the first payment be received?

If the application is approved, a letter will be sent telling the client when the payments will start and how much the payment will be. The first SSI payment will be made for the first full month in which the client was made eligible for SSI. The amount may not be the same every month. The amount will always depend on where the client is residing and on the client's income. The Social Security Administration must notify the client in advance any time there is a change in the amount of their payment.

This can be a bit confusing to the client...the first, second and third month amounts will be based on the client's first month's income. After that, the SSI amount is based on the client's income from 2 months before. For example: a client receives \$856.00 a month in SSI payments. He is currently working at Taco Bell 10 hours per week. In June he is asked to work 40 hour per week for 3 weeks. He then reports his June's income to the SSA. In August his SSI check will be reduced because of his June's income. In July he goes back to his 10 hour per week schedule and his SSI reflects his usual payment in September.

SSI payment schedule: When do SSI Payments Come?

The checks arrive on the first of the month. The client needs to cash these checks (if it is not being done through direct deposit) within 12 months after the date of the check or it will become void.

If the first of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday the check will come on the banking day before.