



## **CCSE Bulletin 22-03**

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**To:** Eligibility Services Supervisors and Staff  
Program Managers  
Regional Directors  
Regional Attorneys  
Hearings Officers

**From:** Community Care Services State Office 2115

**Subject: Federal Benefits 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)**

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The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

Active bulletins are posted on the following websites:

- Community Care Services Eligibility Handbook (CCSEH) at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/handbooks/community-care-services-eligibility-handbook>.

## Federal Benefits 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

### Background

The Social Security Administration adjusts Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to reflect the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective January 1st of each year. The COLA increase for 2023 is 8.7 percent.

### Policy Updates

#### [Community Care Services Eligibility \(CCSE\) Income Limits](#)

*Community Attendant Services (CAS), Family Care (FC), Emergency Response System (ERS), Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS), Residential Care (RC), Adult Foster Care (AFC), Special Services to Persons with Disabilities (SSPD) and Consumer Managed Personal Attendant Services (CMPAS)*

The income limit is based on the special income limit set for institutional care which is equal to 300 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate. Effective January 1, 2023, the special income limit is as follows:

- Individual: \$2,742
- Couple: \$5,484

#### [CCSE Resource Limits](#)

##### *CAS*

The 2023 resource limits are based on the SSI resource limits and will remain as follows:

- Individual: \$2,000
- Couple: \$3,000

##### *FC, ERS, DAHS, RC, AFC, and SSPD*

The 2023 resource limits will remain as follows (CCSEH 3210 Resource Limits):

- Individual: \$5,000
- Couple: \$6,000

#### [Medicare Savings Program \(MSP\) Resource Limits](#)

The resource limits for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), and Qualifying Individuals 1 (QI-1) are adjusted annually. Effective January 1, 2023, the resource limits for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 are as follows:

- Individual: \$9,090
- Couple: \$ 13,630

The resource limits for the Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI) program are twice the countable resources allowed under the SSI program and will remain the same:

- Individual: \$4,000
- Couple: \$6,000

#### MSP Income Limits

The MSP income limits are adjusted annually based on the federal poverty level (FPL). The income limits for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 will remain the same until the new FPL amounts are published in early 2023.

#### Federal Benefit Increases

Social Security – RSDI and SSI beneficiaries receive an 8.7 percent COLA increase effective January 1, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2023, the maximum SSI payment amount is as follows:

- Individual: \$914
- Couple: \$1,371

#### Medicare Part B

The standard Medicare Part B premium decreased to \$164.90 for 2023.

#### **Automation**

Automation changes are not required.

#### **Correspondence**

Correspondence changes are not required.

#### **Handbook**

The CCSEH is currently scheduled to be updated in the March 2023 revision.

The CCSE Appendix XI is scheduled to be updated on the LOOP on December 09, 2022.

#### **Training**

Training is not required.

#### **Effective Date**

This policy is effective January 1, 2023.