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Estate Planning, Elder Law & Special Needs

SOCIAL SECURITY 2015 UPDATE

SSI for NYS Residents

Individual.....\$ 820/month
Couple.....\$ 1,204 /month

Maximum Earnings Taxable

Social Security
(OASDI).....\$ 118,500/year

Quarter of Coverage

Earnings Required....\$ 1,220/quarter

Social Security Disability Threshold

Substantial Gainful Activity
(SGA)

Non-Blind.....\$ 1,090/month
Blind.....\$ 1,820/month
Trial Work Period....\$ 780/month

Cost-of-living Adjustment (COLA)
for December (payable in January 2015)
..... 1.7%

Maximum Social Security Benefit for
Workers Retiring at Full Retirement Age*
.....\$ 2,663/month

Retirement Earnings Test

Exempt Amounts
Under Full Retirement Age**
.....\$ 15,720/year

Year Individual reaches
Full Retirement Age***

.....\$ 41,880/year

Full Retirement Age and over

.....\$ No limit

*For retirees born in 1938, full retirement age is age 65 and 2 months. Full retirement age will gradually increase to age 67 for those born after 1959. For those born in 1942, full retirement age is 65 years, 10 months. For those born between 1943 and 1954, full retirement age is 66 years. Those born on January 1st should refer to the previous year.

**\$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.

***Applies to earnings for months prior to full retirement age: \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.

For more info on Social Security, go to,
<http://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2015.pdf>

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