

AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERIM ASSISTANCE  
INITIAL CLAIM OR POSTELIGIBILITY CASE

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For the purpose of this Authorization Form:

The term "State" means the California county interim assistance (IA) agency (s) that the California Department of Social Services has an interim assistance reimbursement agreement with and that paid you public assistance.

The term "SSI/SSP benefits" means "Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment" benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

What actions am I authorizing when I sign this authorization and I check the "Initial Claim Only" block?

☒ **Initial Claim Only**

You are authorizing the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reimburse the State for some or all of the money the State gives you while SSA decides if you are eligible to receive SSI/SSP benefits. If you become eligible, SSA pays the State from the retroactive SSI/SSP benefits due you. The reimbursement covers the time from the first month you are eligible to receive SSI/SSP benefits through the first month your monthly SSI/SSP benefit begins.

If the State cannot stop the last payment made to you, SSA can reimburse the State for this additional payment amount.

What actions am I authorizing when I sign this authorization and I check the "Posteligibility Case Only" block?

☐ **Posteligibility Case Only**

You are authorizing the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reimburse the State for some or all of the money the State gives you while SSA decides if your SSI/SSP benefits can be reinstated after being terminated or suspended. If your SSI/SSP benefits resume, SSA pays the State from the retroactive SSI/SSP benefits due you. The reimbursement covers the time from the day of the month the reinstatement is effective through the first month your monthly SSI/SSP benefit resumes.

If the State cannot stop the last payment made to you, SSA can reimburse the State for this additional payment amount.

How can the State use this form when blocks for initial claims and posteligibility cases are part of the form?

The State can use this form for one case situation at a time, either an initial claim or a posteligibility case. If both blocks are checked the form is not valid. You and the State must sign and date a new form with only one block checked.

What kind of State payment qualifies for reimbursement by SSA?

SSA can reimburse a State for a payment that is paid only from State or local funds. The State cannot be reimbursed for payments made wholly or partially from Federal funds.

How does SSA determine how much of my SSI/SSP money to pay the State?

SSA decides the amount of payment based on two considerations. First, SSA looks at the amount of money claimed by the State, and second, SSA looks at the amount of your retroactive SSI/SSP money available to pay the State. SSA can reimburse the State for a payment made in a month only when you receive a State payment and an SSI/SSP payment for the same month. SSA will not pay the State more money than you have for the SSI/SSP retroactive period.

How long is this authorization effective for the State and me if I checked the "Initial Claims Only" block?

This authorization is in effect for you and the State for twelve (12) months. The 12 months begin with the date SSA receives the authorization from the State and end 12 months later. However, for a State using an electronic system, the 12 months begin with the date the State notifies SSA through an electronic system that the State has received the authorization and end 12 months later. You and a State representative must sign and date the authorization for the authorization to be valid.

Exceptions apply to this rule. The State must send SSA the authorization within a certain time frame. SSA must receive the 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. For the State using an electronic system, SSA must receive the authorization information within 30 calendar days of the state matching your SSI record with your state record. If the information is late, SSA will not accept the information sent by the State. SSA will not pay any of your retroactive SSI/SSP benefits to the State. SSA will send you any SSI/SSP money that may be due you, based on SSA's regular payment rules.

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