Public Law 93-233

AN ACT

To provide a 7-percent increase in social security benefits beginning with March 1974 and an additional 4-percent increase beginning with June 1974, to provide increases in supplemental security income benefits, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

INTERIM COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

SECTION 1. (a) Section 201(a) (1) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out “the percentage by which” and all that follows and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “7 per centum.”.

(b) Section 201(a) (2) of Public Law 93-66 is amended—

(1) by striking out “May 1974” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “February 1974”; and

(2) by striking out “January 1975” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “June 1974”.

(c) Section 201(b) of Public Law 93-66 is amended to read as follows:

“(b) The increase in social security benefits authorized under this section shall be provided, and any determinations by the Secretary in connection with the provision of such increase in benefits shall be made, in the manner prescribed in section 215(i) of the Social Security Act for the implementation of cost-of-living increases authorized under title II of such Act, except that—

“(1) the amount of such increase shall be 7 per centum,

“(2) in the case of any individual entitled to monthly insurance benefits payable pursuant to section 202(e) of such Act for February 1974 (without the application of section 202(j) (1) or 223(b) of such Act), including such benefits based on a primary insurance amount determined under section 215(a)(3) of such Act as amended by this section, such increase shall be determined without regard to paragraph (2) (B) of such section 202(e), and

“(3) in the case of any individual entitled to monthly insurance benefits payable pursuant to section 202(f) of such Act for February 1974 (without the application of section 202(j) (1) or 223(b) of such Act), including such benefits based on a primary insurance amount determined under section 215(a)(3) of such Act as amended by this section, such increase shall be determined without regard to paragraph (3) (B) of such section 202(f).”.

(d) Section 201(c) (2) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out “May 1974” and inserting in lieu thereof “February 1974”.

(e) Section 201(d) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out “December 1974” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “May 1974”.

(f) Section 202(e) of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(7) In the case of an individual entitled to monthly insurance benefits payable under this section for any month prior to January 1973 whose benefits were not redetermined under section 102(g) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, such benefits shall not be re-determined pursuant to such section, but shall be increased pursuant to any general benefit increase (as defined in section 215(i) (3)) or any increase in benefits made under or pursuant to section 215(i), including for this purpose the increase provided effective for March 1974, as though such redetermination had been made.”
(g) Section 202(f) of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(8) In the case of an individual entitled to monthly insurance benefits payable under this section for any month prior to January 1973 whose benefits were not redetermined under section 102(g) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, such benefits shall not be redetermined pursuant to such section, but shall be increased pursuant to any general benefit increase (as defined in section 215(i)(8) or any increase in benefits made under or pursuant to section 215(i), including for this purpose the increase provided effective for March 1974, as though such redetermination had been made."

(h) (1) Section 215(a) (3) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "$8.50* and inserting in lieu thereof "$9.00".

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to benefits payable for months after February 1974.

(i) In the case of an individual to whom monthly benefits are payable under title II of the Social Security Act for February 1974 (without the application of section 202(j)(1) or 223(b) of such Act), and to whom section 202(m) of such Act is applicable for such month, such section shall continue to be applicable to such benefits for the months of March through May 1974 for which such individual remains the only individual entitled to a monthly benefit on the basis of the wages and self-employment income of the deceased insured individual.

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### ELEVEN-PERCENT INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Sec. 2. (a) Section 215(a) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out the table and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**"Table for Determining Primary Insurance Amount and Maximum Family Benefits"**

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*Note:* The amount referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection shall be— And the maximum amount of benefits payable (as provided in sec. 203(a)) on the basis of his wages and self-employment income shall be—
(b) (1) Effective June 1, 1974, sections 227 and 228 of the Social Security Act are amended by striking out "$58.00" wherever it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "the larger of $64.40 or the amount most recently established in lieu thereof under section 215(i)", and by striking out "$29.00" wherever it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "the larger of $32.20 or the amount most recently established in lieu thereof under section 215(i)".

(2) Section 202(a)(4) of Public Law 92-336 is hereby repealed.

(c) The amendment made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act for months after May 1974, and with respect to lump-sum death payments under section 202(1) of such Act in the case of deaths occurring after such month.

(d) Section 202(a)(3) of Public Law 92-336 is amended by striking out "January 1, 1975" in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) and inserting in lieu thereof in each instance "June 1, 1974".

MODIFICATION OF COST-OF-LIVING BENEFIT INCREASE PROVISIONS

SEC. 3. (a) Clause (i) of section 215(i)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act is amended to read as follows: "(i) the calendar quarter ending on March 31 in each year after 1974, or"

(b) Clause (ii) of section 215(i)(1)(B) of such Act is amended by striking out "in which a law" and all that follows and inserting in lieu thereof "if in the year prior to such year a law has been enacted providing a general benefit increase under this title or if in such prior year such a general benefit increase becomes effective; and"

(c) Section 215(i)(2)(A)(i) of such Act is amended by striking out "1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "1975", and by striking out "and to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph".

(d) Section 215(i)(2)(A)(ii) of such Act is amended—

(1) by striking out "such base quarter" and inserting in lieu thereof "the base quarter in any year";

(2) by striking out "January of the next calendar year" and inserting in lieu thereof "June of such year"; and

(3) by striking out "(subject to subparagraph (E))".

(e) Section 215(i)(2)(B) of such Act is amended by striking out "December" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "May", and by striking out "(subject to subparagraph (E))".

(f) Section 215(i)(2)(C)(ii) of such Act is amended by striking out "on or before August 15 of such calendar year" and inserting in lieu thereof "within 30 days after the close of such quarter".

(g) Section 215(i)(2)(D) of such Act is amended by striking out "on or before November 1 of such calendar year" and inserting in lieu thereof "within 45 days after the close of such quarter".

(h) Section 215(i)(2) of such Act is amended by striking out subparagraph (E).

(i) For purposes of section 203(f)(8), so much of section 215(i)(1)(B) as follows the semicolon, and section 230(a) of the Social Security Act, the increase in benefits provided by section 2 of this Act shall be considered an increase under section 215(i) of the Social Security Act.

(j) (1) Section 230(a) of such Act is amended—

(A) by striking out "with the first month of the calendar year" and inserting in lieu thereof "with the June"; and

(B) by striking out "(along with the publication of such benefit increase as required by section 215(i)(2)(D))" and by striking out "(unless such increase in benefits is prevented from becoming effective by section 215(i)(2)(E))".
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(2) Section 230(c) of such Act is amended by striking out "the first month" and inserting in lieu thereof "the June".

(k) (1) Section 203(f)(8)(A) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(A) Whenever the Secretary pursuant to section 215(i) increases benefits effective with the month of June following a cost-of-living computation quarter he shall also determine and publish in the Federal Register on or before November 1 of the calendar year in which such quarter occurs a new exempt amount which shall be effective (unless such new exempt amount is prevented from becoming effective by subparagraph (C) of this paragraph) with respect to any individual's taxable year which ends after the calendar year in which such benefit increase is effective (or, in the case of an individual who dies during the calendar year after the calendar year in which the benefit increase is effective, with respect to such individual's taxable year which ends, upon his death, during such year)."

(2) Section 203(f)(8)(B) of such Act is amended by striking out "no later than August 15 of such year" and inserting in lieu thereof "within 30 days after the close of the base quarter (as defined in section 215(i)(1)(A)) in such year".

(3) Section 203(f)(8)(C) is amended by striking out "or providing a general benefit increase under this title (as defined in section 215(i)(3))".

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS

Sec. 4. (a) (1) Section 210(c) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out "June 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 1973".

(2) Section 211(a)(1)(A) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out "($780 in the case of any period prior to July 1974)".

(b) Effective with respect to payments for months after June 1974—

(1) section 1611(a)(1)(A) and section 1611(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 and amended by section 210 of Public Law 93-66) are each amended by striking out "$1,680" and inserting in lieu thereof "$1,752";

(2) section 1611(a)(2)(A) and section 1611(b)(2) of such Act (as so enacted and amended) are each amended by striking out "$2,520" and inserting in lieu thereof "$2,628"; and

(3) section 211(a)(1)(A) of Public Law 93-66 (as amended by subsection (a)(2) of this section) is amended by striking out "$840" and inserting in lieu thereof "$876".

INCREASE IN EARNINGS BASE

Sec. 5. (a) (1) Section 209(a)(8) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(2) Section 211(b)(1)(H) of such Act is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(3) Sections 218(a)(2)(i) and 218(a)(2)(iii) of such Act are each amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(4) Section 215(e)(1) of such Act is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".
(b) (1) Section 1402(b)(1)(H) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to definition of self-employment income) is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$18,200".

(2) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, section 3121(a)(1) of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount each place it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(3) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, the second sentence of section 3122 of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(4) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, section 3125 of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount each place it appears in subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(5) Section 6413(c)(1) of such Code (relating to special refunds of employment taxes) is amended by striking out "$12,600" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(6) Section 6413(c)(2)(A) of such Code (relating to refunds of employment taxes in the case of Federal employees) is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(7) Effective with respect to taxable years beginning after 1973, section 6654(d)(2)(B)(ii) of such Code (relating to failure by individual to pay estimated income tax) is amended by striking out the dollar amount and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(c) Section 230(c) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(d) Paragraphs (2)(C), (3)(C), (4)(C), and (7)(C) of section 203(b) of Public Law 92-336 are each amended by striking out "$12,600" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,200".

(e) The amendments made by this section, except subsection (a)(4), shall apply only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning after, 1973. The amendments made by subsection (a)(4) shall apply with respect to calendar years after 1973.

(f) The amendments made by this section to provisions of the Social Security Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and Public Law 92-336 shall be deemed to be made to such provisions as amended by section 203 of Public Law 93-66.

CHANGES IN TAX SCHEDULES

SEC. 6. (a) (1) Section 3101(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to rate of tax on employees for purposes of old-age, survivors, and disability insurance) is amended by striking out paragraphs (4) through (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(4) with respect to wages received during the calendar year 1973, the rate shall be 4.85 percent;

(5) with respect to wages received during the calendar years 1974 through 2010, the rate shall be 4.95 percent; and

(6) with respect to wages received after December 31, 2010, the rate shall be 5.95 percent."

(2) Section 3111(a) of such Code (relating to rate of tax on employers for purposes of old-age, survivors, and disability insurance) is amended by striking out paragraphs (4) through (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(4) with respect to wages paid during the calendar year 1973, the rate shall be 4.85 percent;

(5) with respect to wages paid during the calendar years 1974 through 2010, the rate shall be 4.95 percent; and

(6) with respect to wages paid after December 31, 2010, the rate shall be 5.95 percent."
(b) (1) Section 1401(b) of such Code (relating to rate of tax on
self-employment income for purposes of hospital insurance) is
amended by striking out paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) in the case of any taxable year beginning after Decem-
ber 31, 1972, and before January 1, 1974, the tax shall be equal
to 1.0 percent of the amount of the self-employment income for
such taxable year;

"(3) in the case of any taxable year beginning after Decem-
ber 31, 1973, and before January 1, 1978, the tax shall be equal
to 0.90 percent of the amount of the self-employment income
for such taxable year;

"(4) in the case of any taxable year beginning after Decem-
ber 31, 1977, and before January 1, 1981, the tax shall be equal
to 1.10 percent of the amount of the self-employment income
for such taxable year;

"(5) in the case of any taxable year beginning after Decem-
ber 31, 1980, and before January 1, 1986, the tax shall be equal
to 1.35 percent of the amount of the self-employment income
for such taxable year; and

"(6) in the case of any taxable year beginning after Decem-
ber 31, 1985, the tax shall be equal to 1.50 percent of the self-
employment income for such taxable year."

(2) Section 3101(b) of such Code (relating to rate of tax on
employees for purposes of hospital insurance) is amended by strik-
ing out paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) with respect to wages received during the calendar year
1973, the rate shall be 1.0 percent;

"(3) with respect to wages received during the calendar years
1974 through 1977, the rate shall be 0.90 percent;

"(4) with respect to wages received during the calendar years
1978 through 1980, the rate shall be 1.10 percent;

"(5) with respect to wages received during the calendar years
1981 through 1985, the rate shall be 1.35 percent; and

"(6) with respect to wages received after December 31, 1985,
the rate shall be 1.50 percent.”.

(3) Section 3111(b) of such Code (relating to rate of tax on
employers for purposes of hospital insurance) is amended by strik-
ing out paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) with respect to wages paid during the calendar year 1973,
the rate shall be 1.0 percent;

"(3) with respect to wages paid during the calendar years
1974 through 1977, the rate shall be 0.90 percent;

"(4) with respect to wages paid during the calendar years 1978
through 1980, the rate shall be 1.10 percent;

"(5) with respect to wages paid during the calendar years 1981
through 1985, the rate shall be 1.35 percent; and

"(6) with respect to wages paid after December 31, 1985, the
rate shall be 1.50 percent.”.

(c) The amendment made by subsection (b)(1) shall apply only
with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1973. The
remaining amendments made by this section shall apply only with

ALLOCATION TO DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND

Sec. 7. (a) Section 201(b)(1) of the Social Security Act is
amended by striking out “(E)” and all that follows down through
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“which wages” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “(E) 1.1 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 1972, and before January 1, 1974, and so reported, (F) 1.15 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 1973, and before January 1, 1978, and so reported, (G) 1.2 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 1977, and before January 1, 1981, and so reported, (H) 1.3 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 1980, and before January 1, 1986, and so reported, (I) 1.4 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 1985, and before January 1, 2011, and so reported, and (J) 1.7 per centum of the wages (as so defined) paid after December 31, 2010, and so reported, which wages”.

(b) Section 201(b)(2) of such Act is amended by striking out “(E)” and all that follows down through “which self-employment income” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “(E) 0.795 of 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) so reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1972, and before January 1, 1974, (F) 0.815 of 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) as reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1973, and before January 1, 1978, (G) 0.850 of 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) so reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1977, and before January 1, 1981, (H) 0.920 of 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) so reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1980, and before January 1, 1986, (I) 0.990 of 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) so reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1985, and before January 1, 2011, and (J) 1 per centum of the amount of self-employment income (as so defined) so reported for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2010, which self-employment income”.

ELIGIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RECIPIENTS FOR FOOD STAMPS

Sec. 8. (a) (1) Section 3(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1964 is amended effective only for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974 to read as it did before amendment by Public Law 92-603 and Public Law 93-86, but with the addition of the following new sentence at the end thereof: “For the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974 no individual, who receives supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act, State supplementary payments described in section 1616 of such Act, or payments of the type referred to in section 212(a) of Public Law 93-68, shall be considered to be a member of a household or an elderly person for purposes of this Act for any month during such period, if, for such month, such individual resides in a State which provides State supplementary payments (A) of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act, and (B) the level of which has been found by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to have been specifically increased so as to include the bonus value of food stamps.”.

(2) Section 3(b) of Public Law 93-86 shall not be effective for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974.

(b) (1) Section 4(c) of Public Law 93-86 shall not be effective for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974.

(2) The last sentence of section 416 of the Act of October 31, 1949 (as added by section 411(g) of Public Law 92-603) shall not be effective for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974.

(3) For the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974, no individual, who receives supplemental security income benefits under title
XVI of the Social Security Act, State supplementary payments described in section 1616 of such Act, or payments of the type referred to in section 212(a) of Public Law 93-66, shall be considered to be a member of a household for any purpose of the food distribution program for families under section 32 of Public Law 74-320, section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, or any other law, for any month during such period, if, for such month, such individual resides in a State which provides State supplementary payments (A) of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act, and (B) the level of which has been found by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to have been specifically increased so as to include the bonus value of food stamps.

(c) For purposes of the last sentence of section 3(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1964 (as amended by subsection (a) of this section) and subsections (b) (3) and (f) of this section, the level of State supplementary payment under section 1616(a) shall be found by the Secretary to have been specifically increased so as to include the bonus value of food stamps (1) only if, prior to October 1, 1973, the State has entered into an agreement with the Secretary or taken other positive steps which demonstrate its intention to provide supplementary payments under section 1616(a) at a level which is at least equal to the maximum level which can be determined under section 401(b) (1) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 and which is such that the limitation on State fiscal liability under section 401 does result in a reduction in the amount which would otherwise be payable to the Secretary by the State, and (2) only with respect to such months as the State may, at its option, elect.

(d) Section 401(b) (1) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended by striking out everything after the word “exceed” and inserting in lieu thereof: “a payment level modification (as defined in paragraph (2) of this subsection) with respect to such plans.”

(e) The amendment made by subsection (d) shall be effective only for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 1974, except that such amendment shall not during such period, be effective in any State which provides supplementary payments of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act the level of which has been found by the Secretary to have been specifically increased so as to include the bonus value of food stamps.

Individually Deemed to be Disabled Under the Supplemental Security Income Program

Sec. 9. Section 1614(a) (3) of the Social Security Act is amended—
(1) by striking out the last sentence of subparagraph (A); and
(2) by inserting at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:
“(E) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) through (D), an individual shall also be considered to be disabled for purposes of this title if he is permanently and totally disabled as defined under a State plan approved under title XIV or XVI as in effect for October 1972 and received aid under such plan (on the basis of disability) for December 1973 (and at least one month prior to July 1973), so long as he is continuously disabled as so defined.”.

Supplemental Security Income Recipient Living in Aid to Families With Dependent Children Household

Sec. 10. (a) Section 212(a) (3) (A) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by striking out “subparagraph (D)” and inserting in lieu thereof “subparagraphs (D) and (E)”. 

Ante, p. 155.
(b) Section 212(a)(3) of Public Law 93-66 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

"(E) (i) In the case of an individual who, for December 1973 lived as a member of a family unit other members of which received aid (in the form of money payments) under a State plan of a State approved under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, such State at its option, may (subject to clause (ii)) reduce such individual's December 1973 income (as determined under subparagraph (B)) to such extent as may be necessary to cause the supplementary payment (referred to in paragraph (2)) payable to such individual for January 1974 or any month thereafter to be reduced to a level designed to assure that the total income of such individual (and of the members of such family unit) for any month after December 1973 does not exceed the total income of such individual (and of the members of such family unit) for December 1973.

"(ii) The amount of the reduction (under clause (i)) of any individual's December 1973 income shall not be in an amount which would cause the supplementary payment (referred to in paragraph (2)) payable to such individual to be reduced below the amount of such supplementary payment which would be payable to such individual if he had, for the month of December 1973 not lived in a family, members of which were receiving aid under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, and had had no income for such month other than that received as aid or assistance under a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act."
approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act of the State in which such project is conducted (as such State plan was in effect for July 1973),

the Secretary may waive such requirements of title XVI of such Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) to such extent as he determines to be necessary to the successful operation of such project.

(c) In the case of any State which has entered into an agreement with the Secretary under section 1616 of the Social Security Act (or which is deemed, under section 212(d) of Public Law 93-66, to have entered into such an agreement), then, of the costs of any project of such State with respect to which there is (solely by reason of the provisions of subsection (a)) Federal financial participation, the non-Federal share thereof shall—

(1) be paid, from time to time, to such State by the Secretary, and

(2) shall, for purposes of section 1616(d) of the Social Security Act and section 401 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, be treated in like manner as if such non-Federal share were supplementary payments made by the Secretary on behalf of such State pursuant to such agreement.

SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATIONS POSTPONED

Sec. 12. (a) Subject to subsection (b), no regulation and no modification of any regulation, promulgated by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) after January 1, 1973, shall be effective for any period which begins prior to January 1, 1975, if (and insofar as) such regulation or modification of a regulation pertains (directly or indirectly) to the provisions of law contained in sections 3(a)(4)(A), 402(a)(19)(G), 408(a)(3)(A), 603(a)(1)(A), 1003(a)(3)(A), 1403(a)(3)(A), or 1603(a)(4)(A), of the Social Security Act.

(b) (1) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “scope of programs”, if such regulation is identical (except as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.0 of the regulations (relating to social services) proposed by the Secretary and published in the Federal Register on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from the first sentence of subsection (b) of such section 221.0 the phrase “meets all the applicable requirements of this part and”.

(2) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “limitations on total amount of Federal funds payable to States for services”, if such regulation is identical (except as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.55 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from subsection (d)(1) of such section 221.55 the phrase “(as defined under day care services for children)” and, in lieu of the sentence contained in subsection (d)(5) of such section 221.55, there shall be inserted the following: “Services provided to a child who is under foster care in a foster family home (as defined in section 408 of the Social Security Act) or in a childcare institution (as defined in such section), or while awaiting placement in such a home or institution, but only if such services are needed by such child because he is under foster care.”

(3) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “rates and amounts of Federal financial participation for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam”, if such regulation is identical to the provisions of section 221.56 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973.
(4) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be construed to preclude the Secretary from making any modification in any regulation (described in subsection (a)) if such modification is technically necessary to take account of the enactment of section 301 or 302 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 553(d) of title 5, United States Code, any regulation described in subsection (b) may become effective upon the date of its publication in the Federal Register.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RECIPIENTS

Beneficiaries

SEC. 13. (a) (1) Section 1901 of the Social Security Act (as amended by Public Law 92-603) is amended by striking out “permanently and totally disabled” and inserting “disabled” in lieu thereof.

(2) Section 1902(a) (5) of such Act is amended by—

(A) striking out “to administer the plan,” and inserting in lieu thereof “to administer or to supervise the administration of the plan;” and by striking out “to supervise the administration of the plan” and inserting “to administer or to supervise the administration of the plan” in lieu thereof; and

(B) striking out “XVI (insofar as it relates to the aged)” and inserting “XVI (insofar as it relates to the aged) if the State is eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI, or by the agency or agencies administering the supplemental security income program established under title XVI or the State plan approved under part A of title IV if the State is not eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI” in lieu thereof.

(3) Section 1902(a) (10) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(10) provide—

“(A) for making medical assistance available to all individuals receiving aid or assistance under any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, or with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI;

“(B) that the medical assistance made available to any individual described in clause (A)—

“(i) shall not be less in amount, duration, or scope than the medical assistance made available to any other such individual, and

“(ii) shall not be less in amount, duration, or scope than the medical assistance made available to individuals not described in clause (A); and

“(C) if medical assistance is included for any group of individuals who are not described in clause (A) and who do not meet the income and resources requirements of the appropriate State plan, or the supplemental security income program under title XVI, as the case may be, as determined in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary—

“(i) for making medical assistance available to all individuals who would, except for income and resources, be eligible for aid or assistance under any such State plan or to have paid with respect to them supplemental security income benefits under title XVI, and who have insufficient (as determined in accordance with comparable standards) income and resources to meet the costs of necessary medical and remedial care and services, and
“(ii) that the medical assistance made available to all individuals not described in clause (A) shall be equal in amount, duration, and scope;

except that (1) the making available of the services described in paragraph (4), (14), or (16) of section 1105(a) to individuals meeting the age requirements prescribed therein shall not, by reason of this paragraph (10), require the making available of any such services, or the making available of such services of the same amount, duration, and scope, to individuals of any other ages, (II) the making available of supplementary medical insurance benefits under part B of title XVIII to individuals eligible therefor (either pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 1849 or by reason of the payment of premiums under such title by the State agency on behalf of such individuals), or provision for meeting part or all of the cost of deductibles, cost sharing, or similar charges under part B of title XVIII for individuals eligible for benefits under such part, shall not, by reason of this paragraph (10), require the making available of any such benefits, or the making available of such services of the same amount, duration, and scope, to any other individuals, and (III) the making available of medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in clause (A) to any classification of individuals approved by the Secretary with respect to whom there is being paid, or who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a medical institution, to have paid with respect to them, a State supplementary payment shall not, by reason of this paragraph (10), require the making available of any such assistance, or the making available of such assistance of the same amount, duration, and scope, to any other individuals not described in clause (A)”.

(4) Section 1902(a) (13) (B) of such Act is amended by striking out “the State’s plan approved under title I. X. XIV. or XVI. or part A of title IV” and inserting “any plan of the State approved under title I. X. XIV. or XVI. or part A of title IV. or with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI” in lieu thereof.

(5) Section 1902(a) (14) (A) of such Act is amended by striking out “a State plan approved under title I. X. XIV. or XVI. or part A of title IV, or who meet the income and resources requirements of the one of such State plans which is appropriate” and inserting “any plan of the State approved under title I. X. XIV. or XVI. or part A of title IV, or with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI, or who meet the income and resources requirements of the appropriate State plan, or the supplemental security income program under title XVI, as the case may be, and individuals with respect to whom there is being paid, or who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a medical institution, to have paid with respect to them, a State supplementary payment and are eligible for medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in paragraph (10) (A)” in lieu thereof.

(6) Section 1902(a) (14) (B) of such Act is amended by—

(A) inserting “(other than individuals with respect to whom there is being paid, or who are eligible or would be eligible if they were not in a medical institution, to have paid with respect to them, a State supplementary payment and are eligible for medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in paragraph (10) (A))” immediately after “with respect to individuals”;

42 USC 1396d.

42 USC 1395f.

42 USC 1395v.

81 Stat. 902.

42 USC 1396a.

42 USC 301.

1201, 1351, 1381, 601.

86 Stat. 1381.
(B) inserting “and with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are not being paid under title XVI” immediately after “any such State plan”; 
(C) striking out “the one of such State plans which is appropriate” and inserting “the appropriate State plan, or the supplemental security income program under title XVI, as the case may be,” in lieu thereof; and
(D) striking out “or who, after December 31, 1973, are included under the State plan for medical assistance pursuant to section 1902(a) (10) (B) approved under title XIX”.

(7) Section 1902(a) (17) of such Act is amended by—
(A) striking out “the State’s plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV” and inserting “any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, and with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are not being paid under title XVI” in lieu thereof;
(B) striking out “if he met the requirements as to need” and inserting “except for income and resources” in lieu thereof;
(C) striking out “a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV” and inserting “any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, or to have paid with respect to him supplemental security income benefits under title XVI” in lieu thereof; and
(D) striking out “and amount of such aid or assistance under such plan” and inserting “such aid, assistance, or benefits” in lieu thereof.

(8) Sections 1902(a) (17) and 1902(a) (18) are each amended by striking out “is blind or permanently and totally disabled” and inserting “(with respect to States eligible to participate in the State program established under title XVI), is blind or permanently and totally disabled, or is blind or disabled as defined in section 1614 (with respect to States which are not eligible to participate in such program)” in lieu thereof.

(9) Section 1902(a) (20) (C) of such Act is amended by inserting “section 603(a)(1)(A) (i) and (ii),” immediately after “section 3(a) (4) (A) (i) and (ii)”. 

(10) Section 1902(f) of such Act is amended by—
(A) inserting “not eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI” immediately after “State” the first time it appears therein;
(B) striking out “such individual’s payment under title XVI” and inserting “any supplemental security income payment and State supplementary payment made with respect to such individual” in lieu thereof;
(C) striking out “as defined in section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954” and inserting “as recognized under State law” in lieu thereof; and
(D) inserting at the end thereof the following new sentences: “In States which provide medical assistance to individuals pursuant to clause (10) (C) of subsection (a) of this section, an individual who is eligible for medical assistance by reason of the requirements of this section concerning the deduction of incurred medical expenses from income shall be considered an individual eligible for medical assistance under clause (10) (A) of that subsection if that individual is, or is eligible to be (1) an individual with respect to whom there is payable a State supplementary payment on the basis of which similarly situated individuals are eligible to receive medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to that provided to individuals eligible under clause
(10) (A), or (2) an eligible individual or eligible spouse, as defined in title XVI, with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable; otherwise that individual shall be considered to be an individual eligible for medical assistance under clause (10) (C) of that subsection. In States which do not provide medical assistance to individuals pursuant to clause (10) (C) of that subsection, an individual who is eligible for medical assistance by reason of the requirements of this section concerning the deduction of incurred medical expenses from income shall be considered an individual eligible for medical assistance under clause (10) (A) of that subsection."

(11) Section 1903 (a) (1) of such Act is amended by striking out "individuals who are recipients of money payments under a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV" and inserting "individuals who are eligible for medical assistance under the plan and (A) are receiving aid or assistance under any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, or with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI, or (B) with respect to whom there is being paid a State supplementary payment and are eligible for medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in section 1902 (a) (10) (A)" in lieu thereof.

(12) Section 1903 (f) (4) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(4) The limitations on payment imposed by the preceding provisions of this subsection shall not apply with respect to any amount expended by a State as medical assistance for any individual—

"(A) who is receiving aid or assistance under any plan of the State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, or with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are being paid under title XVI, or

"(B) who is not receiving such aid or assistance, and with respect to whom such benefits are not being paid, but (i) is eligible to receive such aid or assistance, or to have such benefits paid with respect to him, or (ii) would be eligible to receive such aid or assistance, or to have such benefits paid with respect to him if he were not in a medical institution, or

"(C) with respect to whom there is being paid, or who is eligible, or would be eligible if he were not in a medical institution, to have paid with respect to him, a State supplementary payment and is eligible for medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in section 1902 (a) (10) (A), but only if the income of such individual (as determined under section 1612, but without regard to subsection (b) thereof) does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security income benefit rate established by section 1611 (b) (1),

at the time of the provision of the medical assistance giving rise to such expenditure."

(13) The matter before clause (i) in section 1905 (a) of such Act is amended by striking out "individuals not receiving aid or assistance under the State's plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV" and inserting "individuals (other than individuals with respect to whom there is being paid, or who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a medical institution, to have paid with respect to them a State supplementary payment and are eligible for medical assistance equal in amount, duration, and scope to the medical assistance made available to individuals described in section 1902 (a) (10) (A)) not receiving aid or assistance under any plan of the State
approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, or part A of title IV, and with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are not being paid under title XVI in lieu thereof.

(14) Section 1905(a)(iv) of such Act is amended by inserting “with respect to States eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI,” at the end thereof.

(15) Section 1905(a)(v) of such Act is amended by striking out “or” and inserting “with respect to States eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI,” in lieu thereof.

(16) Section 1905(a)(vi) of such Act is amended by inserting “or” at the end thereof.

(17) Section 1905(a) of such Act is further amended by inserting immediately after clause (vi) the following new clause:

“(vii) blind or disabled as defined in section 1614, with respect to States not eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI,”.

(18) Section 1905 of such Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsections:

“(j) The term ‘State supplementary payment’ means any cash payment made by a State on a regular basis to an individual who is receiving supplemental security income benefits under title XVI or who would but for his income be eligible to receive such benefits, as assistance based on need in supplementation of such benefits (as determined by the Secretary), but only to the extent that such payments are made with respect to an individual with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable under title XVI, or would but for his income be payable under that title.

“(k) Increased supplemental security income benefits payable pursuant to section 211 of Public Law 93-66 shall not be considered supplemental security income benefits payable under title XVI.”.

Technical Clarification and Modification of Medicaid Eligibility and Federal Title XIX Matching Under Public Law 93-66

(1) (A) Clause (2) (A) of section 231 of Public Law 93-66 is amended by—

(i) inserting “received or” immediately before “would”, and

(ii) striking out “or” at the end thereof and inserting “and” in lieu thereof.

(B) Clause (2) (B) of that section is amended by—

(i) striking out “was”, and

(ii) striking out “need for care in such institution, considered to be eligible for aid or assistance under a State plan (referred to in subparagraph (A)) for purposes of determining his eligibility” and inserting “status as described in subparagraph (A), was included as an individual eligible” in lieu thereof.

(2) The first sentence of section 232 of Public Law 93-66 is amended by—

(A) striking out “(under the provisions of subparagraph (B) of such section)”,

(B) striking out “to be a person described as being a person who would, if needy, be eligible for aid or assistance under any such State plan” in subparagraph (B) (i) of such section” and inserting “for purposes of title XIX to be an individual who is blind or disabled within the meaning of section 1614(a) of the Social Security Act” in lieu thereof, and

(C) inserting “, and the other conditions of eligibility contained in the plan of the State approved under title XIX (as it was in effect in December 1973)” before the period at the end thereof.
Medicaid Eligibility for Individuals Receiving Mandatory
State Supplementary Payments

(c) In addition to other requirements imposed by law as conditions
for the approval of any State plan under title XIX of the Social
Security Act, there is hereby imposed (effective January 1, 1974) the
requirement (and each such State plan shall be deemed to require)
that medical assistance under such plan shall be provided to any
individual—

(1) for any month for which there (A) is payable with respect
to such individual a supplementary payment pursuant to an agree­
ment entered into between the State and the Secretary of Health,
Education, and Welfare under section 212(a) of Public Law
93–66, and (B) would be payable with respect to such individual
such a supplementary payment, if the amount of the supple­
mentary payments payable pursuant to such agreement were estab­
lished without regard to paragraph (3) (A) (ii) of such section
212(a), and

(2) in like manner, and subject to the same terms and condi­
tions, as medical assistance is provided under such plan to individ­
uals with respect to whom benefits are payable for such month
under the supplementary security income program established
by title XVI of the Social Security Act.

Federal matching under title XIX of the Social Security Act shall be
available for the medical assistance furnished to individuals who are
eligible for such assistance under this subsection.

Effective Dates

(d) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall be effective with
respect to payments under section 1903 of the Social Security Act for

PAYMENTS TO SUBSTANDARD FACILITIES UNDER MEDICAID

Sec. 14. Section 1616 of the Social Security Act is amended by add­
ing at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(e) Payments made under this title with respect to an individual
shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of any supplemen­
tary payment (as described in subsection (a)) or other payment made
by a State (or political subdivision thereof) which is made for or on
account of any medical or any other type of remedial care provided by
an institution to such individual as an inpatient of such institution
in the case of any State which has a plan approved under title XIX of
this Act if such care is (or could be) provided under a State plan
approved under title XIX of this Act by an institution certified under
such title XIX.”.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF PHYSICIANS RENDERED IN A TEACHING HOSPITAL

Sec. 15. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
provisions of section 1861(b) of the Social Security Act, shall, subject
to subsection (b) of this section, for the period with respect to which
this paragraph is applicable, be administered as if paragraph (7) of
such section read as follows:

“(7) a physician where the hospital has a teaching program
approved as specified in paragraph (6), if (A) the hospital elects
to receive any payment due under this title for reasonable costs of
such services, and (B) all physicians in such hospital agree
not to bill charges for professional services rendered in such
hospital to individuals covered under the insurance program
established by this title.”.
(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of section 1832(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act, shall, subject to subsection (b) of this section, for the period with respect to which this paragraph is applicable, be administered as if subclause (ii) of such section read as follows:

"(ii) a physician to a patient in a hospital which has a teaching program approved as specified in paragraph (6) of section 1861(b) (including services in conjunction with the teaching programs of such hospital whether or not such patient is an inpatient of such hospital), where the conditions specified in paragraph (7) of such section are met, and"

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be deemed to render improper any determination of payment under title XVIII of the Social Security Act for any service provided prior to the enactment of this Act.

c (1) The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall arrange for the conduct of a study or studies concerning (A) appropriate and equitable methods of reimbursement for physicians’ services under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act in hospitals which have a teaching program approved as specified in section 1861(b)(6) of such Act, (B) the extent to which funds expended under such titles are supporting the training of medical specialties which are in excess supply, (C) how such funds could be expended in ways which support more rational distribution of physician manpower both geographically and by specialty, (D) the extent to which such funds support or encourage teaching programs which tend to disproportionately attract foreign medical graduates, and (E) the existing and appropriate role that part of such funds which are expended to meet in whole or in part the cost of salaries of interns and residents in teaching programs approved as specified in section 1861(b)(6) of such Act.

(2) The studies required by paragraph (1) shall be the subject of an interim report thereon submitted not later than December 1, 1974, and a final report not later than July 1, 1975. Such reports shall be submitted to the Secretary, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, simultaneously.

(3) The Secretary shall request the National Academy of Sciences to conduct such studies under an arrangement under which the actual expenses incurred by such Academy in conducting such studies will be paid by the Secretary. If the National Academy of Sciences is willing to do so, the Secretary shall enter into such an arrangement with such Academy for the conduct of such studies.

(4) If the National Academy of Sciences is unwilling to conduct the studies required under this section, under such an arrangement with the Secretary, then the Secretary shall enter into a similar arrangement with other appropriate nonprofit private groups or associations under which such groups or associations shall conduct such studies and prepare and submit the reports thereon as provided in paragraph (2).

(5) The Social Security Administration shall study the interim report called for in paragraph (2) and shall submit its analysis of such interim report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 1975. The Social Security Administration shall study and submit its analysis of the final report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives by October 1, 1975.
(d) The provisions of subsection (a) shall apply with respect to cost accounting periods beginning after June 30, 1973, and prior to January 1, 1975, except that if the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare determines that additional time is required to prepare the report required by subsection (c), he may, by regulation, extend the applicability of the provisions of subsection (a) to cost accounting periods beginning after June 30, 1975.

BASIS OF MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS

SEC. 16. In the administration of titles V, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act, the amount payable under such title to any provider of services on account of services provided by such hospital, skilled nursing facility, or home health agency shall be determined (for any period with respect to which the amendments made by section 233 of Public Law 92-603 would, except for the provisions of this section, be applicable) in like manner as if the date contained in the first and second sentences of subsection (f) of such section 233 were December 31, 1973, rather than December 31, 1972.

POSTPONEMENT ON EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

SEC. 17. (a) In the administration of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the amount payable thereunder with respect to physical therapy and other services referred to in section 1861(v)(5)(A) of such Act (as added by section 151(c) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) shall be determined (for the period with respect to which the amendment made by such section 151(c) would, except for the provisions of this section, be applicable) in like manner as if the “December 31, 1972,” which appears in such subsection (d)(3) of such section 151, read “the month in which there are promulgated, by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, final regulations implementing the provisions of section 1861(v)(5) of the Social Security Act”.

CLERICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

In General

Inclusion of All Wage Level Increases in Automatic Adjustment of Earnings Test

SEC. 18. (a) Section 203(f)(8)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act is amended by—

(1) striking out “contribution and benefit base” and inserting “exempt amount” in lieu thereof; and

(2) striking out “section 230(a)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)” in lieu thereof.

Inclusion in Old-Age Insurance Benefit in Certain Cases of Delayed Retirement

(b) Section 202(w) of such Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(5) If an individual’s primary insurance amount is determined under paragraph (3) of section 215(a) and, as a result of this subsection, he would be entitled to a higher old-age insurance benefit if his primary insurance amount were determined under section 215(a) without regard to such paragraph, such individual’s old-age insurance

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benefit based upon his primary insurance amount determined under such paragraph shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between such benefit and the benefit to which he would be entitled if his primary insurance amount were determined under such section without regard to such paragraph."

Elimination of Benefits at Age 72 for Uninsured Individuals Receiving Supplemental Security Income Benefits

(c) Section 228(d) of such Act is amended by inserting "and such individual is not an individual with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable pursuant to title XVI or section 211 of Public Law 93–66 for the following month, nor shall such benefit be paid for such month if such individual is an individual with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable pursuant to title XVI or section 211 of Public Law 93–66 for such month, unless the Secretary determines that such benefits are not payable with respect to such individual for the month following such month" immediately before the period at the end thereof.

Limitations on Eligibility Determinations Under Resources Tests of State Plans

(d) Section 1611 of such Act (as amended by Public Law 92–603) is amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsection:

"(g) In the case of any individual or any individual and his spouse (as the case may be) who—

"(1) received aid or assistance for December 1973 under a plan of a State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI,

"(2) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously resided in the State under the plan of which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973, and

"(3) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously been (except for periods not in excess of six consecutive months) an eligible individual or eligible spouse with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable,

the resources of such individual or such individual and his spouse (as the case may be) shall be deemed not to exceed the amount specified in sections 1611(a) (1) (B) and 1611(a) (2) (B) during any period that the resources of such individual or individuals and his spouse (as the case may be) does not exceed the maximum amount of resources specified in the State plan, as in effect for October 1972, under which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973."

Limitations on Eligibility and Benefit Determinations Under Income Tests of State Plans for Aid to the Blind

(e) Section 1611 of such Act is amended by striking out subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsection:

"(h) In determining eligibility for, and the amount of, benefits payable under this section in the case of any individual or any individual and his spouse (as the case may be) who—

"(1) received aid or assistance for December 1973 under a plan of a State approved under title X or XVI,

"(2) is blind under the definition of that term in the plan, as in effect for October 1972, under which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973,"
“(3) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously resided in the State under the plan of which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973, and
“(4) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously been (except for periods not in excess of six consecutive months) an eligible individual or an eligible spouse with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable,

there shall be disregarded an amount equal to the greater of (A) the maximum amount of any earned or unearned income which could have been disregarded under the State plan, as in effect for October 1972, under which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973, and (B) the amount which would be required to be disregarded under section 1612 without application of this subsection.”

Correction of Erroneous Designations and Cross-References

(f)(1) Section 226 of such Act is amended by—
(A) redesignating subsection (a)(1) as subsection (a);
(B) redesignating clauses (A) and (B) of subsection (a), as redesignated by this subsection, as clauses (1) and (2), respectively; and
(C) redesignating subsection (f) (as added by section 201(b)(5) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 and redesignated by section 299L of that Act) and the subsection (f) (as enacted by section 101 of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 and redesignated by section 201(b)(5) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) as subsections (h) and (1), respectively; and by inserting such subsections (h) and (1) (as so redesignated) immediately after subsection (g) of such section.

(2) Section 226(h)(1)(A) of such Act, as redesignated by this subsection, is amended by striking out “and 202(e)(5), and the term ‘age 62’ in sections” and inserting “, 202(e)(5),” in lieu thereof.

(3) Section 226(h)(1)(B) of such Act, as redesignated by this subsection, is amended by striking out “shall” and inserting “and the phrase ‘before he attained age 60’ in the matter following subparagraph (G) of section 202(f)(1) shall each” in lieu thereof.

(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 226(h) of such Act, as redesignated by this subsection, are each amended by striking out “(a)(2)” and inserting “b” in lieu thereof.

Initial Payments to Presumptively Disabled Individuals Unrecoverable Only if Individual Is Ineligible Because Not Disabled

(g) Section 1631(a)(4)(B) of such Act is amended by inserting “solely because such individual is determined not to be disabled” immediately before the period at the end thereof.

Technical Correction of Limitation on Fiscal Liability of States for Optional Supplementation

(h)(1) Section 401(a)(1) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended by—
(A) inserting “; other than fiscal year 1974,” immediately after “any fiscal year”; and
(B) inserting “, and the amount payable for fiscal year 1974 pursuant to such agreement or agreements shall not exceed one-half of the non-Federal share of such expenditures” immediately before the period of the end thereof.

(2) Section 401(c)(1) of such Act is amended by inserting “excluding” immediately before “expenditures authorized under section 1119”.

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‘‘(3) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously resided in the State under the plan of which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973, and
‘‘(4) has, since December 31, 1973, continuously been (except for periods not in excess of six consecutive months) an eligible individual or an eligible spouse with respect to whom supplemental security income benefits are payable,

there shall be disregarded an amount equal to the greater of (A) the maximum amount of any earned or unearned income which could have been disregarded under the State plan, as in effect for October 1972, under which he or they received such aid or assistance for December 1973, and (B) the amount which would be required to be disregarded under section 1612 without application of this subsection.”

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(C) redesignating subsection (f) (as added by section 201(b)(5) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 and redesignated by section 299L of that Act) and the subsection (f) (as enacted by section 101 of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 and redesignated by section 201(b)(5) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) as subsections (h) and (1), respectively; and by inserting such subsections (h) and (1) (as so redesignated) immediately after subsection (g) of such section.

(2) Section 226(h)(1)(A) of such Act, as redesignated by this subsection, is amended by striking out “and 202(e)(5), and the term ‘age 62’ in sections” and inserting “, 202(e)(5),” in lieu thereof.

(3) Section 226(h)(1)(B) of such Act, as redesignated by this subsection, is amended by striking out “shall” and inserting “and the phrase ‘before he attained age 60’ in the matter following subparagraph (G) of section 202(f)(1) shall each” in lieu thereof.

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(2) Section 401(c)(1) of such Act is amended by inserting “excluding” immediately before “expenditures authorized under section 1119”.
Modification of Transitional Administrative Provisions

(i) Section 402 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended by—
(1) striking out “XVI” the first time that it appears therein and inserting “VI” in lieu thereof;
(2) inserting “the third and fourth quarters in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and” immediately after “with respect to expenditures for” and
(3) inserting “the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and any quarter of” immediately after “during such portion of”.

Inclusion of Title VI in Limitation on Grants to States for Social Services

(j) Section 1130(a) of such Act is amended by inserting “608(a) (1),” immediately after “408(a) (3),”.

Clarification of Coverage of Hospitalization for Dental Services

(k) (1) Section 1814(a) (2) (E) of such Act (as amended by Public Law 92–603) is amended to read as follows:
“(E) in the case of inpatient hospital services in connection with the care, treatment, filling, removal, or replacement of teeth or structures directly supporting teeth, the individual, because of his underlying medical condition and clinical status, requires hospitalization in connection with the provision of such dental services;”.
(2) The last sentence of section 1814(a) is amended by striking out “or (D)” and inserting “(D), or (E)” in lieu thereof.
(3) Section 1862(a) (12) of such Act is amended by striking out “a dental procedure” and all that follows thereafter, and inserting “the provision of such dental services if the individual, because of his underlying medical condition and clinical status, requires hospitalization in connection with the provision of such services” or “in lieu thereof.

Continuation of State Agreements for Coverage of Certain Individuals

(1) Section 1843(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: “Effective January 1, 1974, and subject to section 1902(f), the Secretary shall, at the request of any State not eligible to participate in the State plan program established under title XVI, continue in effect the agreement entered into under this section with such State subject to such modifications as the Secretary may by regulations provide to take account of the termination of any plans of such State approved under titles I, X, XIV, and XVI and the establishment of the supplemental security income program under title XVI.”

Technical Improvement of Provisions Governing Disposition of HMO Savings

(m) Section 1876(a) (3) (A) (ii) of such Act is amended by striking out “with the apportionment of savings being proportional to the losses absorbed and not yet offset”.

Technical Improvement of Provisions Governing Allowable HMO Premium Charges

(n) The last sentence of section 1876(g) (2) of such Act is amended by—

1. inserting "of its premium rate or other charges" immediately after "portion";
2. striking out "may" and inserting "shall";
3. striking out "(i)"; and
4. striking out "less (ii) the actuarial value of other charges made in lieu of such deductible and coinsurance".

Applications for Assistance on Behalf of Deceased Individuals

(o) Section 1902(a) (34) of the Social Security Act (as amended by Public Law 92-603) is amended by inserting "(or application was made on his behalf in the case of a deceased individual)" immediately after "he made application".

Expansion of Intermediate Care Facility Ownership Disclosure Requirements

(p) Section 1902(a) (35) (A) of such Act is amended by inserting "or who is the owner (in whole or in part) of any mortgage, deed of trust, note, or other obligation secured (in whole or in part) by such intermediate care facility or any of the property or assets of such intermediate care facility" immediately after "intermediate care facility".

Technical Modification of Extended Medicaid Eligibility for AFDC Recipients

(q) Section 1902(e) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, effective January 1, 1974, each State plan approved under this title must provide that each family which was receiving aid pursuant to a plan of the State approved under part A of title IV in at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding the month in which such family became ineligible for such aid because of increased hours of, or increased income from, employment, shall, while a member of such family is employed, remain eligible for assistance under the plan approved under this title (as though the family was receiving aid under the plan approved under part A of title IV) for 4 calendar months beginning with the month in which such family became ineligible for aid under the plan approved under part A of title IV because of income and resources or hours of work limitations contained in such plan."

Limitation on Payments to States for Expenditures in Relation to Disabled Individuals Eligible for Medicare

(r) (1) Section 1903(a) (1) of such Act is amended by inserting "and disabled individuals entitled to hospital insurance benefits under title XVIII" immediately after "individuals sixty-five years of age or older".
2. Section 1903(b) (2) of such Act is amended by inserting "and disabled individuals entitled to hospital insurance benefits under title XVIII" immediately after "individuals aged 65 or over".
Federal Payment for Cost of Inspecting Institutions Limited to Expenses Incurred During Covered Period

(s) Section 1903(a) (4) of such Act is amended by striking out “sums expended” and inserting “sums expended with respect to costs incurred” in lieu thereof.

Federal Payment for Family Planning Expenditures Not Limited to Administrative Costs

(t) Section 1903(a) (5) of such Act is amended by striking out “(as found necessary by the Secretary for the proper and efficient administration of the plan)”.

Exception to Limitation on Payments to States for Expenditures in Relation to Individuals Eligible for Medicare

(u) Section 1903(b) (2) of such Act is amended by inserting “, other than amounts expended under provisions of the plan of such State required by section 1902(a) (34)” immediately before the period at the end thereof.

Utilization Review by Medical Personnel Associated With an Institution

(v) Section 1903(g) (1) (C) of such Act is amended by striking out “and who are not employed by” and by inserting “or, except in the case of hospitals, employed by the institution” immediately after “any such institution”.

Authority To Prescribe Standards Under Title XIX for Active Treatment of Mental Illness

(w) Section 1905(h) (1) (B) of such Act is amended by—
(1) striking out “, involves active treatment (i)” and inserting “(i) involve active treatment” in lieu thereof,
(2) striking out “pursuant to title XVIII”, and
(3) striking out “(ii) which” and inserting “(ii)” in lieu thereof.

Correction of Erroneous Designations and Cross References

(x) (1) Section 1902(a) (13) (C) of such Act is amended by striking out “(14)” and inserting “(16)” in lieu thereof.
(2) Section 1902(a) (33) (A) of such Act is amended by striking out “last sentence” and inserting “penultimate sentence” in lieu thereof.
(3) Section 1902(a) of such Act is amended by—
(A) striking out the period at the end of paragraph (35) and inserting “; and” in lieu thereof; and
(B) redesignating paragraph (37) as paragraph (36).
(4) Sections 1902(a) (21), (24), and (26) (B), and the last sentence of section 1902(d), of such Act are each amended by striking out “nursing home” and “nursing homes” each time that they appear therein and inserting “nursing facility” and “nursing facilities”, respectively, in lieu thereof.
(5) Section 1903(a) of such Act is amended by striking out “and section 1117?” in the first parenthetical phrase.
(6) Section 1903(b) of such Act is amended by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.
(7) Section 1905(a) (18) of such Act is amended by striking out "under 21, as defined in subsection (e)" and inserting "under age 21, as defined in subsection (h);" and in lieu thereof.

(8) Section 1905(c) of such Act is amended by striking out "skilled nursing home" each time that it appears therein and inserting "skilled nursing facility" in lieu thereof.

(9) Section 1905 of such Act is amended by redesignating subsection (h) (which was enacted by section 299L(b) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) as subsection (i).

(10) Section 1905(h)(2) is amended by striking out "(e)(1)" and inserting "(1)" in lieu thereof.

Deletion of Obsolete Provisions

(y) (1) Section 1903 of such Act is amended by—

(A) striking out subsection (c);

(B) striking out "(a), (b), and (c)" in subsection (d) and inserting "(a) and (b)" in lieu thereof.

(2) Section 1905(b) of such Act is amended by striking out everything after "section 1110(a)(8)" and inserting a period in lieu thereof.

(3) Section 1908 of such Act is amended by striking out the last sentence of subsection (d) and subsections (e) and (f), and redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (e).

Determination of Amount of Exclusion for Disapproved Capital Expenditures by Institutions Reimbursed on Fixed Fee or Negotiated Rate Basis

(z) The last sentence of section 1122(d)(1) of such Act is amended by inserting "or a fixed fee or negotiated rate" immediately after "per capita" each time that it appears therein.

Technical Improvement of Authority To Include Expenses Related to Capital Expenditures in Certain Cases

(z-1) Section 1122(d)(2) of such Act is amended by striking out "include" the last time that it appears therein and inserting "exclude" in lieu thereof.

Conforming Amendments to Title XI of the Social Security Act

(z-2) (1) Title XI of the Social Security Act is amended—

(A) in section 1101(a)(1), by—

(i) striking out "I., X., XIV., and XVI.," and "XVI.,"; and

(ii) by adding at the end of such section 1101(a) the following new sentence: "In the case of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam, titles I, X, and XIV, and title XVI (as in effect without regard to the amendment made by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) shall continue to apply, and the term 'State' when used in such titles (but not in title XVI as in effect pursuant to such amendment after December 31, 1973) includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam."

(B) in section 1115, by—

(i) inserting (in the matter preceding subsection (a)) "VI.," immediately after "title I.,"

(ii) inserting (in subsection (a)) "602," immediately after "402.," and

(iii) inserting (in subsection (b)) "608," immediately after "408.," and
(C) in section 1116, by—
   (i) inserting (in subsection (a)(1)) "VI," immediately after "title I;",
   (ii) inserting (in subsection (a)(3)) "604," immediately after "404;",
   (iii) inserting (in subsection (b)) "VI," immediately after "title I;",
   and
   (iv) inserting (in subsection (d)) "VI," immediately after "title I;".

Effective date.

(2) The amendments made by this subsection shall be effective on and after January 1, 1974.

Effective Dates

(z-3) (1) The amendments made by subsections (g), (h), (j), and (l) shall be effective January 1, 1974.

(2) The amendments made by subsection (k) shall be effective with respect to admissions subject to the provisions of section 1814(a)(2) of the Social Security Act which occur after December 31, 1972.

(3) The amendments made by subsections (m) and (n) shall be effective with respect to services provided after June 30, 1973.

(4) The amendments made by subsections (o) and (u) shall be effective July 1, 1973.

MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

SEC. 19. (a) Section 303(c) of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended to read as follows:
   "(c) Section 9 of the Act of April 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 47) is amended to read as follows:
   "‘SEC. 9. Beginning with the quarter commencing July 1, 1950, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay quarterly to each State (from sums made available for making payments to the States under section 403(a) of the Social Security Act) an amount, in addition to the amount prescribed to be paid to such State under such section, equal to 80 per centum of the total amount of contributions by the State toward expenditures during the preceding quarter by the State, under the State plan approved under the Social Security Act for aid to dependent children to Navajo and Hopi Indians residing within the boundaries of the State on reservations or on allotted or trust lands, with respect to whom payments are made to the State by the United States under section 403(a) of the Social Security Act, not counting so much of such expenditure to any individual for any month as exceeds the limitations prescribed in such section.’"

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall make payments to the 50 States and the District of Columbia after December 31, 1973, in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act as in effect prior to January 1, 1974, for (1) activities carried out through the close of December 31, 1973, under State plans approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, of such Act, and (2) administrative activities carried out after December 31, 1973, which such Secretary determines are necessary to bring to a close activities carried out under such State plans.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

SEC. 20. Section 203(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 is amended by adding at the end
thereof the following new sentence: "Effective with respect to compensa-
tion for weeks of unemployment beginning before April 1, 1974, and begin-
ning after December 31, 1973 (or, if later, the date established pursuant to State law), the State may by law provide that the deter-
mination of whether there has been a State 'on' or 'off' indicator begin-
ning or ending any extended benefit period shall be made under this subsection as if paragraph (1) did not contain subparagraph
(A) thereof."


Public Law 93-234

AN ACT

To expand the national flood insurance program by substantially increasing limits of coverage and total amount of insurance authorized to be outstanding and by requiring known flood-prone communities to participate in the pro-
gram, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973".

FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Sec. 2. (a) The Congress finds that—
(1) annual losses throughout the Nation from floods and mud-
slides are increasing at an alarming rate, largely as a result of the accelerating development of, and concentration of population in, areas of flood and mudslide hazards;
(2) the availability of Federal loans, grants, guaranties, insurance, and other forms of financial assistance are often determining factors in the utilization of land and the location and construction of public and of private industrial, commercial, and residential facilities;
(3) property acquired or constructed with grants or other Federal assistance may be exposed to risk of loss through floods, thus frustrating the purpose for which such assistance was extended;
(4) Federal instrumentalities insure or otherwise provide financial protection to banking and credit institutions whose assets include a substantial number of mortgage loans and other indebtedness secured by property exposed to loss and damage from floods and mudslides;