

Reporting Guaranteed Income to Public Benefit Programs

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Artists who receive public benefits and choose to opt-in to the Creatives Rebuild New York (CRNY) Guaranteed Income (GI) program, should be aware of the reporting requirements of the agencies who administer the public benefit programs.

Public Housing:

For those living in public housing or Section 8, you must report the receipt of the GI to your housing authority within 30 days of receiving your first payment. Your rent will be adjusted to reflect the change in your monthly income.

[NYC Housing Authority](#)
[NY State Public Housing](#)

OTDA, Access HRA Benefits and SNAP:

If you receive benefits through Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), Access HRA or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), you must notify these programs within 10 days of receipt of your first GI payment. The agency will then determine the impact on your benefits. Your SNAP monthly allotment will likely be lowered and could possibly be stopped. Other benefits may be affected as well.

[OTDA](#)
[Access HRA](#)

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI):

If you receive SSDI, GI will not impact your monthly benefit payment.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

If you receive SSI, GI will likely cause your SSI cash benefit to be suspended, which means you are no longer entitled to receive it. If SSI is suspended for 12 continuous months, your claim will be closed and you will need to reapply. However, if the GI

payment is directly deposited into an ABLE account, there will likely be no impact on your SSI cash benefit. The first month you receive GI, you must notify your local Social Security Administration (SSA) office either by phone or in-person. If you do not notify SSA of GI, it could result in SSA overpaying you, known as an overpayment. You will be expected to pay this amount back to SSA.

[Social Security](#)
[NY ABLE](#)

Medicaid:

If you receive Medicaid that is not tied to SSI, (i.e., Child Health Plus or Essential Plan), you must notify your local Department of Health within 30 days of when you receive your first GI payment. Due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules, it is unlikely your Medicaid benefits will change due to GI.

[NY Medicaid](#)

A Work Without Limits Benefits Specialist can help you understand the impact of the CRNY Guaranteed Income (GI) program will have on your benefits.

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