2017 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES

o Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2014 through the third quarter of 2016, Social Security and Supplemental

Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 0.3 percent COLA for 2017. Other important 2017 Social Security information is as follows:

2016 2017

o Tax Rate:

Employee 7.65% 7.65%

Self-Employed 15.30% 15.30%

NOTE: The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable

taxable maximum amount (see below). The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% on all earnings. Also, as of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more

than $200,000 ($250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes. The tax rates shown above do not include the

0.9 percent.

o Maximum Taxable Earnings:

Social Security (OASDI only) $118,500 $127,200

Medicare (HI only) N o L i m i t

o Quarter of Coverage:

$1,260 $1,300

o Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts:

Under full retirement age $15,720/yr. $16,920/yr.

($1,310/mo.) ($1,410/mo.)

NOTE: One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every $2 in earnings above the limit.

The year an individual reaches full $41,880/yr. $44,880/yr.

retirement age ($3,490/mo.) ($3,740/mo.)

NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every $3 in earnings above

the limit.

There is no limit on earnings beginning the month an individual attains full retirement age.

o Social Security Disability Thresholds:

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)

Non-Blind $1,130/mo. $1,170/mo.

Blind $1,820/mo. $1,950/mo.

Trial Work Period (TWP) $ 810/mo. $ 840/mo.

o Maximum Social Security Benefit: Worker Retiring at Full Retirement Age:

$2,639/mo. $2,687/mo.

o SSI Federal Payment Standard:

Individual $ 733/mo. $ 735/mo.

Couple $1,100/mo. $1,103/mo.

o SSI Resources Limits:

Individual $2,000 $2,000

Couple $3,000 $3,000

o SSI Student Exclusion:

Monthly limit $1,780 $1,790

Annual limit $7,180 $7,200

o Estimated Average Monthly Social Security Benefits Payable in January 2017:

Before After

0.3% COLA 0.3% COLA

All Retired Workers $1,355 $1,360

Aged Couple, Both Receiving Benefits $2,254 $2,260

Widowed Mother and Two Children $2,686 $2,695

Aged Widow(er) Alone $1,296 $1,300

Disabled Worker, Spouse and $1,990 $1,996

One or More Children

All Disabled Workers $1,167 $1,171