

**A**nnouncement: 30 June 2005 is the deadline for submitting claims to the National Social Security Institute (NSSI) for refunding the sum of the social aids paid by the securers till 30 December 2003

The Law on the Budget of the State Social Security (LBSSS) for the year of 2005, effective from 01 January 2005, was published in State Gazette, issue 112/23-Dec-2004. By means of paragraph 3 of the Transitional and Conclusive Provisions of LBSSS, an opportunity is given to securers, who have paid from their own funds family aids for children and one-time aids for childbirth relevant to the period from 01 April 2002 till 31 December 2003, to claim refund of these amounts. This problem occurred in connection with the replacement of NSSI, as the organization competent to refund these amounts, with the Agency for Social Aid. As a result of this legislative amendment, as of 01 January 2004, the budget accounts of NSSI from which securers could claim effective refunding of these amounts before 31 December 2003 were closed. This led to practical impossibility for the securers to receive back the amounts, which they have lawfully paid on behalf of NSSI, but have not claimed till 31 December 2003.

Instruction of NSSI No 91-01-312/31-Dec-2004 provides for a procedure for refunding these amounts.

The above information is general and does not present the matter in detail. In case questions arise with regard to application of the discussed provisions, please do not hesitate to contact us on tel. 943 37 00, fax 943 37 07, e-mail: [office@afa.bg](mailto:office@afa.bg), or postal address: 38, Oborishte Str., Sofia 1504.

