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Purpose:

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise eligibility sites of the 2015 Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Please share this agency letter with all affected Adult and Long-Term Care Medicaid eligibility staff, supervisors, and outside agencies, as appropriate.

Background:

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits will increase by 1.7% in 2015. The 300% income limit, regional income trust maximum, Medicare premiums, home equity maximum, minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance maximum and the community spouse resource allowance will also increase.

Also, beginning January 1, 2015 the Personal Needs Allowance base amount for residents of Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities base amount will increase from \$50 to \$75 and have an immediate 3% adjustment applied, setting the 2015 PNA Base Amount at \$77.25.

Procedure or Information:

The following tables list the 2014 and 2015 income and resource limits for Adult and Long-Term Care Medicaid categories, regional income trust maximum, Medicare premiums, home equity maximum, minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance maximum and the community spouse resource allowance.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2015 unless otherwise noted.

Supplemental Security Income Limits

	January 2014	January 2015
Individual in own home	\$721	\$733
Individual in home of another	\$480.66	\$489
Couple in own home	\$1,082	\$1,100
Couple in home of another	\$721	\$733
In-kind Support and Maintenance maximum (ISM)	\$260.33	\$264
300% limit	\$2,163	\$2,199
Old Age Pension	\$759	\$771

Nursing Facility

Income Trust Gross Income Limits and Average Private Pay Rate

	January 2014	January 2015
Region I Counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver and Jefferson	\$7,864	\$8,039
Region II Counties: Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Kit Carson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Park, Phillips, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, Weld and Yuma	\$7,161	\$7,286
Region III Counties: Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Lincoln, Mineral, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Saguache, and Teller	\$6,636	\$6,828
Region IV Counties: Archuleta, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Juan and San Miguel	\$6,789	\$6,845
Average Private Pay Rate	\$7,112	\$7,249

Medicare

	January 2014	January 2015
Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance Seniors and certain individuals under 65 with fewer than 30 work quarters of Medicare covered employment	\$426	\$407
Medicare Part B Physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment and other items	\$104.90	\$104.90
Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Co-insurance Days 21 thru 100 each benefit period	\$152	\$157.50

Spousal Protection

	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2015
Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA)	\$117,240	\$119,220
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (Maximum)	\$2,931	\$2,981

	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)	\$1,939	\$1,967
Excess Shelter	\$547	\$590

Home Equity Maximum

	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2015
	\$543,000	\$552,000

Nursing and Intermediate Care Facility Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)

2015 PNA base amount	Adjustment percent	2015 PNA
\$75	3%	\$77.25

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