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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Case Managers, members, and providers of changes to the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) and room and board amount in accordance with cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for both [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#) and Old Age Pension (OAP). Additionally, the maximum PNA amount is increasing, the result from increased appropriations from the Joint Budget Committee (JBC).

Background:

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Sections 8.495.7.A, 8.515.85.N.3, 8.516.30.I, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) shall establish a uniform payment for all Medicaid recipients in Alternative Care Facilities (ACF), Supported Living Programs (SLP), and Transitional Living Programs (TLP). If the Colorado Department of Human Services also raises its grant amounts, this payment is permitted to rise in a

dollar-for-dollar relationship to any increase in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grant standard.

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.603.5.K, the maximum monthly amount charged to individuals receiving Residential Habilitation services through the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) must not exceed an amount equal to the monthly benefit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), less an amount specified by the Department for personal needs. This is applicable to the Group Residential Support Services (GRSS) and Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS).

Changes to Room and Board and Personal Needs:

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, there will be an 8.7 percent cost of living increase to both Social Security and OAP beneficiaries. The maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$914.69 per month, and the maximum OAP amount will increase to \$952.00 per month. In response to the COLA increases, the Department is adjusting the PNA and Room and Board payment amounts for members utilizing the following residential services: GRSS, IRSS, ACF, SLP, and TLP.

In addition to the cost-of-living increase to a member’s PNA, the Department sought and received budgetary approval to increase the maximum PNA amount. The current PNA monthly maximum amount is insufficient for monthly expenses incurred by members to cover basic needs, such as toiletries, clothing, or new eyeglasses. The Department anticipates that by raising the monthly maximum PNA, this will increase the funding available to members and correspondingly increase the financial stability and quality of life of members residing in these residential settings. The minimum amount members may receive for PNA will increase to \$159 per month and the maximum amount will increase to \$421.46 per month. A member’s PNA is determined by their monthly income level.

The maximum amount a residential provider may charge a participant in a GRSS, IRSS, ACF, SLP, or TLP setting for Room and Board will increase to \$755.00 beginning Jan. 1, 2023. The current and past amounts are calculated below:

	2022 R&B	2023 R&B	2022 PNA	2023 Min PNA	2023 Max PNA
ACF/SLP/TLP/ GRSS/IRSS	\$720	\$755	\$121	\$159	\$421.46

Attachment(s):

None

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