



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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<b>Title:</b> Revised 2024 Room and Board and Personal Needs Allowance Changes	<b>Topic:</b> HCBS Benefits
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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 Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Please note that changes have been made to correct errors in the prior memo, which include the 2023 Room and Board, as well as the 2024 minimum Personal Needs Allowance amounts in the table below. This memo supersedes memo HCPF IM 23-037.

### 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 (HCPF) 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, Section 8.508.100. A, 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 HCPF for personal needs. This is applicable to the Group Residential Support Services (GRSS), Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS), and Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) habilitation.

**Changes to Room and Board and Personal Needs:**

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, there will be a 3.2 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to Social Security beneficiaries. The maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$943.00 per month. In response to the COLA increases, HCPF is adjusting the minimum PNA and maximum Room and Board payment amounts for members utilizing the following residential services: CHRP Habilitation, GRSS, IRSS, ACF, SLP and TLP.

In addition to the cost-of-living increase to a member’s PNA, HCPF 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. HCPF anticipated 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 \$164.00 per month. The maximum amount will continue to remain at \$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 member in a CHRP Habilitation, GRSS, IRSS, ACF, SLP, or TLP setting for Room and Board will increase to \$779.00 beginning Jan. 1, 2024. The current and past amounts are calculated below:

	<b>2023 R&amp;B</b>	<b>2024 R&amp;B</b>	<b>2023 Min PNA</b>	<b>2023 Max PNA</b>	<b>2024 Min PNA</b>	<b>2024 Max PNA</b>

ACF/SLP/TLP/G RSS/IRSS/CHRP Habilitation	\$755	\$779	\$159	\$421.46	\$164	\$421.46
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**Attachment(s):**

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