



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

This letter is meant to advise counties and eligibility sites of the 2022 Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Please share this memo 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 (SSI) benefits will increase due to a COLA of 5.9% in 2022. The purpose of the COLA is to ensure that the purchasing power of Social Security and SSI benefits is not eroded by inflation. It is based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers from the third quarter of the last year a COLA was determined to the third quarter of the current year.



Beginning January 1, 2022, in addition to SSI, the COLA will also apply to the programs listed in the following section of this letter.

Information:

Social Security Income Limits

	Effective January 1, 2022
Individual in own home	\$841
Individual in home of another	\$561
Couple in own home	\$1,261
Couple in home of another	\$841
In-kind Support and Maintenance Maximum (ISM)	\$300
300% Limit	\$2,523
Old Age Pension	\$879

Nursing Facility

Income Trust Gross Limits and Average Private Pay Rate

	January 2021	January 2022
Region I		



Counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver and Jefferson	\$9,854	\$9,500
Region II Counties: Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Kit Carson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Park, Phillips, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, Weld and Yuma	\$8,263	\$8,627
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	\$8,008	\$8,166
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	\$8,980	\$8,145



Average Private Pay Rate	\$8,776	\$8,609
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Nursing and Intermediate Care Facility Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)

2021 PNA Base Amount	Adjustment Percent	2022 PNA
\$91.35	2%	\$93.17

Home Maintenance Allowance (HMA)

	January 1, 2022
Individual Needs Standard (INS)	\$2,539.77
105% FPL for HH of 1 (2021)	\$1,127
HMA Maximum (INS minus 105% FPL, rounded down)	\$1,412

Medicare

	January 2021	January 2022
Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance Seniors and certain individuals under 65 with fewer than 30 work quarters of Medicare covered employment	\$471	\$499



Medicare Part B Physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment and other items	\$130 and \$148.50	\$130 and \$170.10
Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Coinsurance Days 21 thru 100 each benefit period	\$185.50	\$194.50

Spousal Protection

	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA)	\$130,380	\$137,400
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (Maximum)	\$3,259.50	\$3,435
	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)	\$2,155	\$2,177.50



Shelter Allowance (\$30 of MMMNA)	\$646.59	\$653.25
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Home Equity Maximum

January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
\$906,000	\$955,000

Attachment(s):

None

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