



June 29, 2018

Dear Rated Housing Administrator:

Pursuant to Public Act No. 17-2, section 569, the personal needs allowance for State Supplement recipients will not increase in July 2018. The residential care home (RCH) and rated housing providers' personal needs allowance (PNA), which is used by the Department of Social Services when calculating benefits for the State Supplement program will remain \$29.95 per month. As you are aware, this figure affects the amount of an individual's income that is applied toward the monthly cost of care.

As a result, each recipient of assistance from the State Supplement program is entitled to keep \$246.70, plus the unchanged personal needs allowance of \$29.95, for a total of \$276.65 each month. You must provide this amount to your residents who are recipients of State Supplement program benefits. You should retain only the approved rate for your facility.

There are two exceptions to requiring residents be provided the standard monthly total described above: (1) if the individual has a reduction in gross Social Security benefit; or (2) if the individual's State Supplement benefit is reduced to pay back an earlier overpayment. In both instances, your facility should retain the full amount of your approved rate and therefore, the resident will end up keeping less than the benefit total of \$276.65.

Please note that these changes do not apply to recipients of the State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the DSS Eligibility Policy & Program Support Division at (860) 424-5250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Hadler", is located below the "Sincerely," text. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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