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To: Licensed Level III and Assisted Living Providers
Developmental Services Providers,
TBI Services Providers
Adult Family Care Authorized Agencies

From: Camille George, DDSD Director
Megan Tierney-Ward, ASD Director

Date: December 23, 2014

Re: Room & Board Memo – 2015 Standards Update

Effective January 1, 2015, SSI benefits will increase by \$12.00 per month to reflect an increase in the cost of living (COLA). This memo is to communicate the new room & board amount and minimum personal spending amount allowed under the DAIL room & board standards.

The Department is interested in facilitating a more equitable distribution of allowable personal spending amounts between the different programs. Therefore, with this increase, two programs with the lowest personal spending amount (TBI and Assistive Community Care) will receive an \$8 increase in the personal spending amount and a \$4 increase in room & board. The other two programs with the highest personal spending amount (Developmental Services and Adult Family Care) will receive a \$4 increase in personal spending amount and an \$8 increase in room and board. The charts on the next page reflect the room & board payment and personal spending allowance by category of service.

As a reminder, providers must ensure that individuals retain the required minimum personal spending amount listed below. *However, providers may choose to charge a person less for room and board payment so the resident may retain a greater personal needs spending allowance.*

Providers must also give residents proper notice of any change in room & board charges according to applicable licensing regulations and program standards.

Please contact your applicable state program representative with questions.

C: ASD Staff
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DLP Staff

Developmental Services

Description	Total SSI 2015	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	831.69	707.69	124.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	1000.13	876.13	124.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	956.94	832.94	124.00
Independent Living	773.04	N/A	N/A

Section 6.2 of the Developmental Services Regulations specifies that the above designation shall be full and complete payment for room and board for people receiving residential services funded through the home and community-based waiver. The same section governs individuals with private means to pay room and board.

TBI Services

Description	Total SSI 2015	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	831.69	723.69	108.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	1000.13	892.13	108.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	956.94	848.94	108.00
Independent Living	785.04	N/A	N/A

Choices for Care – Adult Family Care

Description	Total SSI 2015	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Adult Family Care Home	831.69	707.69	124.00

Assistive Community Care Services (which includes CFC Enhanced Residential Care)

Description	Total SSI 2015	*Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Licensed Level III Residential Care Home and Assisted Living Residences with ACCS <i>*Residents living in a private room with income above SSI may be charged room & board up to 85% of their net income after Medicaid standard deductions and medical deductions.</i>	781.38	*708.38	73.00

Medicaid Protected Income Limit (PIL)

	2014	2015
<i>Outside</i> of Chittenden County	\$991	\$1008
<i>Inside</i> of Chittenden County	\$1066	\$1083