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AGENCY LETTER	CROSS REFERENCE NUMBER:
DIVISION OR OFFICE: Aging and Adult Services	DATE: January 16, 2009
SUBJECT AREA: Adult Financial Services	DIVISION (OFFICE) DIRECTOR: Jeanette Hensley
SUBJECT: Adult Financial Programs 2009 COLA	MANAGER: Susan Hunt
TYPE: Informational	

Purpose:

This letter is to advise counties of the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for Adult Financial programs. Please share this agency letter with Adult Financial program workers and data processing staff.

Background and Information:

The Social Security Administration (SSA) approved a 5.8% COLA to be included in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security checks received in January 2009. On December 5, 2008, the State Board of Human Services approved a rule to pass through the federal COLA to the Old Age Pension (OAP) program. The COLA will not be passed through to the Aid to the Needy Disabled/Aid to the Blind/Supplemental Security Income – Colorado Supplement (AND/AB/SSI-CS) programs. The AND/AB-State Only (AND/AB-SO) program grants will be reduced by \$30 effective January 1, 2009 to remain within the current appropriations. The new grant standards for AND/AB-SO is \$200. Additionally, each level of the Home Care Allowance will be reduced by \$72.60. The new amounts are listed in section D below.

The following items are lists comparing the 2008 standards and limits to 2009. An easy to follow chart is attached for your reference.

A. Supplemental Security Income	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Individual in own home	\$ 637.00	\$ 674.00
Individual in home of another	\$ 424.00	\$ 449.34
Couple in own home	\$ 956.00	\$1,011.00
Couple in the home of another	\$ 637.00	\$ 674.00
ISM maximum charge	\$ 232.33	\$ 244.66
300% limit	\$1,911.00	\$2,022.00

Resource limits: Individual – \$2,000.00 Couple – \$3,000.00

B. Adult Financial Assistance	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
OAP	\$ 662.00	\$ 699.00
AND/AB/SSI-CS (no change)	\$ 637.00	\$ 637.00
AND/AB-SO (\$30 reduction)	\$ 230.00	\$ 200.00

Resource limits: Individual – \$2,000.00 Couple – \$3,000.00

C. Adult Foster Care

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
OAP add on	\$588.00	\$551.00
AND/AB/SSI-CS add on	\$613.00	\$613.00

D. Home Care Allowance -

<u>Score</u>	<u>April 2008</u> <u>Payment</u>	<u>January 2009</u> <u>Payment</u>
1 – 23	\$218.00	\$145.40
24 – 37	\$360.00	\$287.40
38 +	\$493.00	\$420.40

E. Adult Financial Grant Components

<u>Component</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>OAP</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>AND/AB/SSI-CS</u> <u>2008 and 2009</u>
Food	\$144.00	\$155.34	20.5%
Clothing	62.00	66.00	8.8%
Shelter	232.00	244.66	36.6%
Utilities	*	*	*
Household Supplies	40.00	42.00	5.0%
Insurance	25.00	27.00	4.2%
Medicine Chest	28.00	28.00	5.0%
Routine Transportation	50.00	50.00	5.7%
Personal Needs	<u>81.00</u>	<u>86.00</u>	<u>14.2%</u>
TOTAL	\$662.00	\$699.00	100%

*Combined with/shelter

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2009 Adult Financial Grant Standards and Limits

Colorado Grant Standards January 2009

<u>Program</u>	<u>Individual</u>
OAP	\$ 699.00
AND/AB/SSI-CS (No Change)	\$ 637.00
AND/AB-State Only	\$ 200.00

Home Care Allowance January 2009

<u>Score</u>	<u>Payment</u>
1-23	\$145.40
24-37	\$287.40
38+	\$420.40

Adult Foster Care Add-On

<u>Program</u>	<u>Payment</u>
OAP	\$551.00
AND/AB/SSI-CS	\$613.00

Grant Standard Components

Old Age Pension

Food	\$ 155.34
Clothing	\$ 66.00
Shelter	\$ 244.66
Utilities	*
Household Supplies	\$ 42.00
Insurance	\$ 27.00
Medicine Chest	\$ 28.00
Routine Transportation	\$ 50.00
Personal Needs	\$ 86.00
TOTAL	\$699.00

AND/AB/SSI-CS

Food	20.5%
Clothing	8.8%
Shelter	36.6%
Utilities	*
Household Supplies	5%
Insurance	4.2%
Medicine Chest	5%
Routine Transportation	5.7%
Personal Needs	14.2%
TOTAL	100%

* Combined with Shelter