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Purpose:

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise eligibility sites of the 2010 Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Please share this agency letter with all Adult Medicaid eligibility staff, supervisors, and outside agencies, as appropriate.

Background:

With decreasing consumer prices over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits will not increase in 2010. Spousal Impoverishment standards are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and did not increase. Nursing Facility, Income Trust Gross Income Limits and Average Private Pay Rates have increased.

Procedure or Information:

The following tables list the 2010 income and resource limits for Adult Medicaid categories and the income trust and average private pay rates.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2010 unless otherwise noted.

Supplemental Security Income Limits

	January 2009	**January 2010**
Individual in own home	$674	$674
Individual in home of another	$449.34	$449.34
Couple in own home	$1,011	$1,011
Couple in home of another	$674	$674
In-kind Support and Maintenance maximum (ISM)	$244.66	$244.66
300% limit	$2,022	$2,022

Nursing Facility

Income Trust Gross Income Limits and Average Private Pay Rate

	January 2009	**January 2010**
Region I Counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver and Jefferson	$6,572	$6,909
Region II Counties: Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Kit Carson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Park, Phillips, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, Weld and Yuma	$5,932	$6,267
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	$5,680	$5,762
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	$5,782	$6,130
Average Private Pay Rate	$5,991	$6,267

Medicare Costs

Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance Seniors and certain individuals under 65 with fewer than 30 work quarters of Medicare covered employment	$443
Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance Seniors over 65 with 30-39 quarters of Medicare covered employment	$244
Medicare Part B Physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment and other items	$96.40
Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Co-insurance Days 21 thru 100 each benefit period	$133.50

Spousal Protection Limits

	January 1, 2009	**January 1, 2010**
Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA)	$109,560	$109,560
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (Maximum)	$2,739	$2,739

	July 1, 2008	**July 1, 2009**
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)	$1,750	$1,822
Excess Shelter Allowance	$513	$547

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