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DAL #002 NEW ALTERNATIVE CARE FACILITY (ACF) ROOM & BOARD AMOUNT

Dear Administrators:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is issuing this letter to inform case managers and administrators of Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) of: 1) the new monthly room and board amount and 2) the new monthly allowance used on the Client Payment for Home and Community Based Service - 300% ACF Clients (LTC-106) form.

The Social Security Income (SSI) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2005, is 2.7%. Pursuant to 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.495.201 B. the standard room and board payment shall be permitted to rise in a dollar-for-dollar relationship to any increase in the SSI grant standard. The ACF room and board amount paid by clients will increase by 2.7% or $13.00. The room and board amount will be $531.00 per month starting January 1, 2005.

The LTC-106 form shall reflect this new amount and does not need to be modified unless there is an overall change in the client payment of $50 or more, as stated in 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.509.31 E.

The new Old Age Pension (OAP) need standard (used on line B of the LTC-106 form) has been increased this year. The new clients monthly allowance amount is $624.00, which includes a $20.00 income disregard.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Dixi Gloystein at (303) 866-5908 or email: dixi.gloystein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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