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Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

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**To:** Community Centered Board Executive Directors  
Community Centered Board Chief Financial Officers  
Community Centered Board Case Management Directors  
Regional Center Directors  
Provider Agency Directors

**From:** Nancy Fritchell, Quality and Risk Management Specialist

**Date:** December 17, 2014

**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
Room and Board Charge and Personal Needs Allowance Amounts  
Effective January 1, 2015

**Purpose:**

Provide notification of Calendar Year 2015 monthly benefit increase for federal Social Security Income (SSI) and supplemental changes to allowable Room and Board and Personal Needs allowance amounts for individuals receiving services on the Home and Community Based Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver.

**Background:**

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.603.5.K, the maximum monthly amount charged to individuals receiving the Residential Habilitation services through the HCBS-DD waiver must not exceed an amount equal to the monthly benefit for SSI, less an amount specified by the Department for personal needs.

A Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to SSI monthly payments will be applied effective January 1, 2015. Additionally, there will be increases in the Personal Needs amounts and the allowable rate for Residential Room and Board.

**Information:**

Effective January 1, 2015, the maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$733.00. The amount participants must receive for their Personal Needs allowance increases to \$73.00 per month and the maximum amount a residential provider may charge a participant in HCBS-DD-Residential Habilitation for Room and Board is \$660.00 per month or \$21.69 per day. The amounts are calculated as follows:



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Calendar Year 2015 Monthly SSI, Personal Needs and Room and Board Allowance	Monthly Maximum	Calendar Year 2015 Annual Maximum SSI, Personal Needs and Room and Board Allowance	Annual Maximum
Monthly SSI	\$ 733.00	Annual SSI	\$ 8,796.00
Less Monthly Personal Needs Allowance	\$ (73.00)	Less Annual Personal Needs Allowance	\$ (876.00)
Monthly Room and Board Allowance	\$ 660.00	Annual Room and Board Allowance	\$ 7,920.00
		Daily Room and Board Allowance	\$ 21.69

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2015

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