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SUPERSEDES: 2015-02

SUBJECT: Changes in Room & Board,
MNA, Medicare Premium, and
Medicaid Eligibility Cap for
2017

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EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2017

APPLICABILITY: County Welfare Agencies (CWA), Managed Long Term Services and
Supports (MLTSS) Medicaid Waiver Managed Care Organizations
(MCOs), Adult Family Care Sponsor Agencies, and Assisted Living
Residences/Comprehensive Personal Care Home Providers

BACKGROUND: The Room and Board rates, Monthly Needs Allowances, and MLTSS
Medicaid Waiver eligibility caps change annually based on the federal
Social Security Administration's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

It is necessary for County Welfare Agency in-take units to have this
updated information in a timely fashion in order to revise, as instructed
and needed, the participants Statement of Available Income (PR-2) for
2017 and to complete new Statement of Available Income (PR-2) for newly
eligible members. The Division of Aging Services (DoAS) also sends this
information to Assisted Living facilities and Adult Family Care providers.

The COLA for 2017 is 0.3% for Social Security and Supplemental Security
Income (SSI) beneficiaries.

Medicare Part B premium for beneficiaries' after January 1, 2017 is
\$134.00.

The gross monthly income cap for MLTSS Medicaid Waiver eligibility is
\$2,205.00.

PROGRAM
INSTRUCTION:

See attached Cost Share Information Grid.



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From: Nancy Day, Director (with handwritten 'DO/NET')
Division of Aging Services (DoAS)
Date: December 14, 2016
Subject: Cost Share Information - 2017

This Memo is intended to provide specific information needed to complete Cost Share Worksheets (PR-2 form) for Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Medicaid Waiver participants receiving either Assisted Living (AL) or Adult Family Care (AFC) services. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are the basis for the standard deductions permitted when computing cost share.

Table with 6 columns: Service Type, SSI Federal Payment, plus SSI State Supplement, Total 'SSI Only' payment, Room and Board, Monthly Needs Allowance. Rows include Assisted Living Residence (ALR), Comprehensive Personal Care Home (CPCH), and Adult Family Care (AFC).

- The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2017 is 0.3% for Social Security and SSI beneficiaries.
• Medicare Part B premium for beneficiaries' after January 1, 2017 is \$134.00.
• The gross monthly income cap for MLTSS Medicaid Waiver eligibility is \$2,205.
• A husband and wife in an ALR/CPCH will be viewed as a couple for the first month of eligibility when applying for the SSI supplement for room and board. The joint incomes should not exceed \$1,666 and joint assets may not exceed \$3,000.
• Reminder for those AL facilities that engage in Room & Board Supplementation: If your published rates have increased for 2017, please fax a copy of the new fee schedule to Jean King in the Division of Aging Services at 609-588-7683.

The amounts included here are effective January 1, 2017.

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