

HUMAN SERVICES

(a)

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Notice of Administrative Change

Contribution to Care and Maintenance Requirements

Notice of Family Maintenance Standard, Medical Cost Standard, Tuition Deduction, and the Cost of Care and Maintenance Rates

N.J.A.C. 10:46D-3.2

Effective Date: January 1, 2026.

Take notice that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:46D-3.2, the Department of Human Services announces the following family maintenance standard (N.J.A.C. 10:46D-3.2(a)), medical cost standard (N.J.A.C. 10:46D-3.2(a)), tuition deduction standard (N.J.A.C. 10:46D-3.2(a) and (f)), and the cost of care and maintenance rates that shall be utilized in the determination of eligibility and the contribution to care and maintenance of individuals residentially placed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities and their legally responsible relatives for the period beginning January 1, 2026. The approved calendar year 2026 patient payment per diem rate for State developmental centers is \$1,742. The approved calendar year 2026 patient payment per diem rate for residential functional services is \$753.00 These changes are effective January 1, 2026. This notice of administrative changes is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7.

Full text of the changed rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 3. TREASURY FORMULA-DDD

10:46D-3.2 DDD Formula B-DDD (B) for individuals under age 18

(a) This section shall apply to the individual under age 18 being served, LRR(s) or any other person responsible for the estate of such individual and/or LRR(s). The family maintenance standard for a family of four, for calendar year [2025] **2026**, is [\$41,420] **\$42,587**, the medical cost standard for a family of four is [\$10,038] **\$10,242** and the tuition deduction shall be revised annually, using the Consumer Price Index figures then applicable and the cost for in-State tuition at Rutgers, the

State University, ([\$14,222] **\$14,933** for school year [2024-25] **2025-26**. These revisions shall be published annually by the Department as public notices in the New Jersey Register. Additionally, the Department shall publish in the New Jersey Register, the cost of care and maintenance rates as established by the Commissioner.

(b)-(e) (No change.)

(f) The deduction for college tuition shall be the actual college tuition cost paid, but shall not exceed the maximum of the annual in-State tuition expenses for Rutgers University. The deduction shall be the net of any scholarships, awards, or grants, and shall cover tuition paid but shall not cover such items as room, board, books, and lab fees. The maximum college tuition deduction for school year [2024-2025] **2025-2026** is [\$14,222] **\$14,933**. This shall be revised annually as required at (a) above.

(g)-(j) (No change.)

(b)

DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Notice of Administrative Changes

Consumer Cost Share Obligation Table

N.J.A.C. 10:140-4.3

Effective Date: April 16, 2026.

Take notice that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:140-4.3(j), the Department of Human Services announces an updated Consumer Cost Share Obligation Table for 2026. The table is required to be established pursuant to P.L. 1987, c. 350 (N.J.S.A. 30:4G-19). The law also requires that the table be updated annually.

SUBCHAPTER 4. INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS AND FEES

10:140-4.3 Consumer cost share obligation fees and requirements

(a)-(i) (No change.)

(j) The table below shall be updated annually in accordance with the change in the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The amounts of the cost share obligations will be revised annually by a notice of administrative change published in the New Jersey Register; however, any change in the "income increment" or in the applicable percentage of the cost share obligation as listed in the table below shall be promulgated through rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.