

NOTICE

TO: Residents of Adult Homes and Enriched Housing Programs who are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Effective January 1, 2017 the benefits for a resident eligible for SSI will be increased. For individual residents, the total increase will be \$2 per month. For couples, the total increase is \$4 per month.

The law increases the required amount of your personal needs allowance by \$1.00 per month.

Residents who receive SSI are entitled to receive at least \$194 per month as a Personal Needs Allowance. Most residents who also receive Social Security Income, Railroad Retirement, Veterans' Benefits or other income are entitled to receive a Personal Needs Allowance of at least \$214 per month. The Personal Needs Allowance is money which you may use for personal items such as clothing, magazines, etc.

The following chart shows the new benefit amount effective January 1, 2017 for residents receiving SSI. The increases will be included in regular SSI checks beginning with the January 2017 SSI check.

New SSI Benefit Amounts

<u>Status</u>	<u>SSI Income Only</u>	SSI Income Plus Social Security or other unearned Income not counted by Social Security
Individuals	\$1,429.00	\$1,449.00
Couples	\$2,858.00	\$2,878.00

Admission Agreement Changes

The operator of the facility where you live may increase the rate you are charged effective January 1, 2017. In order to do this, the operator is required to give you at least 30 days' written notice (about amending your admission agreement) prior to the date of the rate change. Assisted Living Residences (ALRs) must provide 45 days' notice before increasing the rate for residents who receive SSI. The operator may increase the rate with less than the 30-day notice (45 days for ALRs) if you voluntarily agree to such a rate increase in writing. Either way, your admission agreement must be amended to reflect this rate increase, and you should receive a copy of this amendment to your admission agreement. If you have questions about the new SSI benefit amounts or the information contained in this notice, you may contact the Department of Health Regional Office in your area. The phone number and address of each Regional Office are attached to this notice.

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