



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 FARMINGTON AVENUE • HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06105

June 28, 2021

To: Nursing Home Administrators
From: Connecticut Department of Social Services
Re: Increase in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)

Dear Administrators,

On June 23, 2021, Governor Lamont signed Senate Bill 1202 of the June Special Session into law. Sections 353 and 354 of Senate Bill 1202 modify sections 17b-106 and 17b-272 of the Connecticut General Statutes, respectively, to provide for an increase in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) from sixty dollars (\$60) to seventy-five dollars (\$75) effective July 1, 2021.

The newly updated language provides that the “Commissioner of Social Services shall permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and state humane institutions who are medical assistance recipients . . . to have a monthly personal fund allowance of seventy-five dollars.” It further states that the Commissioner “shall provide a state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to seventy-five dollars per month.”

In summary, on July 1, 2021, the PNA for Medicaid recipients residing in long-term care and nursing home facilities increases from \$60 to \$75.

Please direct any questions by email to DSS at EligPolicy.DSS@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Peter Hadler
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