

Residential Care Homes (RCH)

RCSA (DSS), Sec. 17-109a-2(h) – (1) A resident's funds are the property of the resident. They may be spent or saved, as the resident sees fit. (2) The home may not charge the resident separately for items included in the monthly room and board rate, or for items covered by Medicaid.

DSS UPM Sec. 4520.10 - The RCH's fall into the State supplemental program known as AABD (Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled). The State supplemental need is determined using two basic needs components, shelter costs and personal needs.

- the shelter component is covered by the per diem rate;
- the personal needs component contains a cost allowance for the following expenses: *personal incidentals, clothing and laundry*. (Items to be taken from resident personal funds)

We cannot find a definition of personal incidentals so we have to develop our own interpretation of personal incidentals.

Suggested Allowable Uses of Resident Personal Funds

- **Personal Items** – shampoo, comb, brush, mirror, disinfecting soaps or specialized cleansing agents, razor/shaver, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, denture adhesive, denture cleaner, dental floss, moisturizing lotion, hair dryer, purse, wallet, personalized mug, perfume, cosmetics, jewelry, watch, cotton balls, cotton swabs, deodorant, sanitary napkins and related supplies, over the counter drugs, smoking materials
- **Clothing** – shoes, socks, pants, dresses, shirts, underwear, coats, sweaters, etc.
- **Community** – haircut, perm, other hair and nail hygiene services, community craft class, dance lessons
- **Recreational Activities outside the scope of the activities program**– movies, pizza, ice cream, vacation, sporting events
- **Personal Luxury Items** – radio, stereo, clock/radio, clock, bike, television
- **Small Odds and Ends** – gifts purchased on behalf of resident, flowers and plants, wallhangings, posters, records/tapes, books, magazines

Items to be included in the per diem rate

Bar soap, towels, washcloths, toilet paper, and tissue.

Incontinence supplies (e.g. diapers) should be found in neither the per diem rate nor the Resident's Personal Funds. If medically necessary they should be billed direct to Title XIX.