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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.
To: Distribution

From: Nancy Day, Director
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.

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- 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. The next month they will be treated as individuals and all criteria for individual eligibility will apply.
- 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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