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Subject: Cost Share Information - 2018

The chart below provides specific information for 2018 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.

Table with 6 columns: Service Type, SSI Federal Payment, plus SSI State Supplement, Total 'SSI Only' payment, Room and Board, Monthly Needs Allowance. Rows include Assisted Living Residence (ALR), Comprehensive Personal Care Home (CPCH), and Adult Family Care (AFC).

- The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2018 is 2.0% for Social Security and SSI beneficiaries.
Medicare Part B premium for beneficiaries' after January 1, 2018 is \$134.00.
The gross monthly income cap for MLTSS Medicaid Waiver eligibility is \$2,250.
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.
Reminder for those AL facilities that engage in Room & Board Supplementation: If your published rates have or will increase for 2018, please fax a copy of the new fee schedule to the Division of Aging Services at 609-588-7683.

The amounts included here are effective January 1, 2018.

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**APPLICABILITY:** County Welfare Agencies (CWA), Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Medicaid Waiver Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Adult Family Care Sponsor Agencies, and Assisted Living Residences/Comprehensive Personal Care Home Providers

**BACKGROUND:** The Room and Board rates, Monthly Needs Allowances, and MLTSS Medicaid Waiver eligibility caps change annually based on the federal Social Security Administration's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

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 2018 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.

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**PROGRAM INSTRUCTION:**

See attached Cost Share Information Grid.