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**SUBJECT:** 2018 Cost of Living Adjustment and Other Changes

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2018

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This memorandum is to inform staff of the January 2018 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases and case actions required for the SSI and Family-Related Medicaid, Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, and Refugee Assistance Programs.

## **OVERVIEW**

There will be a 2 percent increase in the January 2018 Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, and Railroad Retirement Tier I benefits. This increase will be reflected in January 2018 benefits. There will also be changes in January 2018 to the eligibility standards for the SSI Program, SSI-Related Programs, and the Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Program. Refer to Attachments.

## **AUTOMATIC UPDATES ON FLORIDA (ALL PROGRAMS)**

Cases will be updated automatically with the 2 percent increase through a FLORIDA mass change at pulldown in December to be effective January 1, 2018. The update will affect **cases in open and enrolled status, and cases with pending assistance groups.**

When FLORIDA updates an individual's Social Security or SSI benefit amount on the AFMI screen, the old amount will have an end date of 12/31/2017 in history, and the new amount will have a begin date of 01/01/2018.

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## **EXCEPTION REPORTS (ALL PROGRAMS)**

Cases that cannot be updated automatically or updated by mass change will be listed on an exception report. The report will be available on the ACCESS Online Systems Homepage shortly following the automatic update. **The ad hoc reports must be worked by January 31, 2018.**

The following situations will be posted to the exceptions report:

- **System Determined Closed:** This condition occurs when EDBC was previously run, FLORIDA determined the assistance group needed to be closed, but staff had not closed the assistance group on the FLORIDA system.
- **Failure Reason Code 241:** If during the mass change an assistance group displays a 241 failure reason code, staff must run EDBC and authorize as appropriate. Food assistance groups which fail due to the mass change will be closed and a termination notice will be sent.
- **Maintenance Need Allowance (MNA) Recalculation Required:** For Institutional Care Programs, when there is a community spouse allocation, the Social Security amount will be automatically updated, but staff must run EDBC. If there are two separate cases (one for the Institutional Care Program individual and one for the community spouse), staff must run EDBC and reauthorize the nursing home case first.

Historically, there have been other reasons for a case to appear on the mass change exception report. These exceptions still exist but will no longer be posted to the mass change exception report. Social Security and SSI income will be updated on FLORIDA, but the budget will not be affected until the next time EDBC is run. Staff must take action the next time EDBC is run.

## **OTHER INFORMATION (ALL PROGRAMS)**

Overpayment: If there is a discrepancy between the amount updated on FLORIDA and the verified amount of benefits, do not report this difference as an overpayment.

Verification: It is not necessary to re-verify the income if the income amount is changed by automatic update. If the income is not changed by automatic update or by the mass change, the actual amount of income must be verified when the change is reported or at the next review.

**Social Security and SSI amounts entered by staff after the mass change must include the new benefit amount for January 2018.** FLORIDA will not update the amount of the Social Security or SSI if the new amount is already entered on the AFMI screen with a begin date of 01/01/2018.

An ad hoc report **will not be** created for individuals in receipt of VA benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits. Staff must verify these benefits when the change is reported or at the next review, whichever is sooner.

## **INTERIM CHANGES FOR SSI-RELATED PROGRAMS**

An interim increase of 2 percent has been calculated for programs whose income standards are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). These interim standards will be used for the SSI-Related Programs, as indicated on Attachment 5, until the official figures are released for March 2018.

For SSI-Related Programs, use the new standards for eligibility beginning January 2018 and ongoing for all applications currently pending on FLORIDA.

Staff must **NOT** terminate benefits for recipients in active SSI-Related cases that would be ineligible based on these interim standard increases. When the official Federal Poverty Level standards are released, instructions on how to process the cases will be provided.

### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** Instructions on processing FLORIDA cases.

**Attachment 2:** Instructions on processing non-FLORIDA cases.

**Attachment 3:** Cost of Living Adjustment Chart of Social Security and SSI

**Attachment 4:** Updated conversion chart on FLORIDA and the Table for SSA income COLA Adjustments (TSCA) for Protected Medicaid cases (Appendix A-11)

**Attachment 5:** Eligibility Standards chart containing the new income levels for each SSI-Related Program (Appendix A-9)

**Attachment 6:** SSI Federal Benefit Rates (Appendix A-10)

**Attachment 7:** Chart containing OSS eligibility standards (Appendix A-12)

If there are Medicaid questions, region offices may contact Nathan Lewis at [Nathan.Lewis@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Nathan.Lewis@myflfamilies.com). For Food Assistance Program, Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Refugee Assistance Program questions contact Jacinta Murphy at [Jacinta.Murphy@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Jacinta.Murphy@myflfamilies.com) and Ron Hardcastle [Ron.Hardcastle@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Ron.Hardcastle@myflfamilies.com) for system issues.

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### FLORIDA Cases with Social Security Income

Programs	Action (Applies to All Programs)
<b>Food Assistance</b> <b>Temporary Cash Assistance</b> <b>Family-Related Medicaid</b> <b>Refugee Assistance Program</b> <b>MEDS-AD</b> <b>Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries</b> <b>Working Disabled</b> <b>Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries</b> <b>Qualifying Individuals I</b> <b>Hospice</b> <b>Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)</b> <b>Protected Medicaid</b> <b>Medically Needy (enrolled and eligible)</b> <b>Institutional Care Program- individuals</b>	<p>A desk review is <u>not</u> necessary.</p> <p><u>For Authorized cases:</u> FLORIDA will recalculate the Social Security benefit amounts and run EDBC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If customer remains eligible: FLORIDA sends notices.</li> <li>• If customer is ineligible due to a failure reason code 241, FLORIDA will take no action and the case will be listed on the exception report. The specialist must run EDBC (AABC) and take appropriate action. Food Assistance groups which fail due to the mass change will be closed and a termination notice will be sent.</li> </ul> <p>(Note: For Medicaid must <u>not</u> take action to close an "ineligible" case based on interim Federal Poverty Level figures until the official 2018 Federal Poverty Level figures are released in the Spring 2018.)</p> <p><u>For Pending cases:</u> FLORIDA will update the Social Security benefit amounts. The specialist must rerun EDBC (AABC) and authorize as appropriate.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Desk reviews are not required for HCBS Medicaid waivers.</p>

**NON-FLORIDA Cases (HCDA, OSS) with  
Social Security, SSI, VA, Civil Service, Railroad Retirement, and/or other income**

Program	Action
<b>Home Care for the Disabled</b>	A desk review is <u>not</u> necessary. At the next re-determination, verify the increase and notify the Adult Protective Services counselor of the increased amount.
<b>OSS</b>	<p>A desk review is <u>not</u> necessary for cases receiving SSI only; the new amount will be automatically updated on Supplemental Payment System (SPS).</p> <p>For cases without SSI, the SPS will automatically update the Social Security amounts and the provider rates on the system.</p> <p><u>A desk review is necessary for all non-SSI direct assistance OSS cases in which the OSS payment is reduced due to the Cost of Living Adjustment.</u> An SPS exception report of cases requiring a desk review will be generated after the December payroll is run and forwarded separately. Desk reviews must be completed by March 2018.</p> <p>Take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the new OSS cost of care for all budgets effective January 2018.</li> <li>• Complete the budget and appropriate SPS change effective January 2018.</li> <li>• Send a notice of adverse case action (10 day adverse action notice) to advise that the supplement is being reduced.</li> </ul> <p><b>If income is over the income limit, cancel the case, and provide 10 days advanced notice of adverse action.</b></p> <p>A warrant message regarding the change in the cost of care will be sent to all OSS recipients with their December and January warrants.</p> <p>Note: Staff must verify Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, Civil Service Annuity benefits, or Railroad Retirement benefits at the next review or when the change is reported, whichever occurs sooner.</p>

SSI	Jan-15	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18			
Individual	733	733	735	750			
Couple	1100	1100	1103	1125			
Current SSA Amount	with 2% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2% Increase
450	459	500	510	550	561	600	612
451	461	501	512	551	563	601	614
452	462	502	513	552	564	602	615
453	463	503	514	553	565	603	616
454	464	504	515	554	566	604	617
455	465	505	516	555	567	605	618
456	466	506	517	556	568	606	619
457	467	507	518	557	569	607	620
458	468	508	519	558	570	608	621
459	469	509	520	559	571	609	622
460	470	510	521	560	572	610	623
461	471	511	522	561	573	611	624
462	472	512	523	562	574	612	625
463	473	513	524	563	575	613	626
464	474	514	525	564	576	614	627
465	475	515	526	565	577	615	628
466	476	516	527	566	578	616	629
467	477	517	528	567	579	617	630
468	478	518	529	568	580	618	631
469	479	519	530	569	581	619	632
470	480	520	531	570	582	620	633
471	481	521	532	571	583	621	634
472	482	522	533	572	584	622	635
473	483	523	534	573	585	623	636
474	484	524	535	574	586	624	637
475	485	525	536	575	587	625	638
476	486	526	537	576	588	626	639
477	487	527	538	577	589	627	640
478	488	528	539	578	590	628	641
479	489	529	540	579	591	629	642
480	490	530	541	580	592	630	643
481	491	531	542	581	593	631	644
482	492	532	543	582	594	632	645
483	493	533	544	583	595	633	646
484	494	534	545	584	596	634	647
485	495	535	546	585	597	635	648
486	496	536	547	586	598	636	649
487	497	537	548	587	599	637	650
488	498	538	549	588	600	638	651
489	499	539	550	589	601	639	652
490	500	540	551	590	602	640	653
491	501	541	552	591	603	641	654
492	502	542	553	592	604	642	655
493	503	543	554	593	605	643	656
494	504	544	555	594	606	644	657
495	505	545	556	595	607	645	658
496	506	546	557	596	608	646	659
497	507	547	558	597	609	647	660
498	508	548	559	598	610	648	661
499	509	549	560	599	611	649	662

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650	663	700	714	750	765	800	816	
651	665	701	716	751	767	801	818	
652	666	702	717	752	768	802	819	
653	667	703	718	753	769	803	820	
654	668	704	719	754	770	804	821	
655	669	705	720	755	771	805	822	
656	670	706	721	756	772	806	823	
657	671	707	722	757	773	807	824	
658	672	708	723	758	774	808	825	
659	673	709	724	759	775	809	826	
660	674	710	725	760	776	810	827	
661	675	711	726	761	777	811	828	
662	676	712	727	762	778	812	829	
663	677	713	728	763	779	813	830	
664	678	714	729	764	780	814	831	
665	679	715	730	765	781	815	832	
666	680	716	731	766	782	816	833	
667	681	717	732	767	783	817	834	
668	682	718	733	768	784	818	835	
669	683	719	734	769	785	819	836	
670	684	720	735	770	786	820	837	
671	685	721	735	771	787	821	838	
672	686	722	737	772	788	822	839	
673	687	723	738	773	789	823	840	
674	688	724	739	774	790	824	841	
675	689	725	740	775	791	825	842	
676	690	726	741	776	792	826	843	
677	691	727	742	777	793	827	844	
678	692	728	743	778	794	828	845	
679	693	729	744	779	795	829	846	
680	694	730	745	780	796	830	847	
681	695	731	746	781	797	831	848	
682	696	732	747	782	798	832	849	
683	697	733	748	783	799	833	850	
684	698	734	749	784	800	834	851	
685	699	735	750	785	801	835	852	
686	700	736	751	786	802	836	853	
687	701	737	752	787	803	837	854	
688	702	738	753	788	804	838	855	
689	703	739	754	789	805	839	856	
690	704	740	755	790	806	840	857	
691	705	741	756	791	807	841	858	
692	706	742	757	792	808	842	859	
693	707	743	758	793	809	843	860	
694	708	744	759	794	810	844	861	
695	709	745	760	795	811	845	862	
696	710	746	761	796	812	846	863	
697	711	747	762	797	813	847	864	
698	712	748	763	798	814	848	865	
699	713	749	764	799	815	849	866	

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850	867	900	918	950	969	1000	1020	
851	869	901	920	951	971	1001	1022	
852	870	902	921	952	972	1002	1023	
853	871	903	922	953	973	1003	1024	
854	872	904	923	954	974	1004	1025	
855	873	905	924	955	975	1005	1026	
856	874	906	925	956	976	1006	1027	
857	875	907	926	957	977	1007	1028	
858	876	908	927	958	978	1008	1029	
859	877	909	928	959	979	1009	1030	
860	878	910	929	960	980	1010	1031	
861	879	911	930	961	981	1011	1032	
862	880	912	931	962	982	1012	1033	
863	881	913	932	963	983	1013	1034	
864	882	914	933	964	984	1014	1035	
865	883	915	934	965	985	1015	1036	
866	884	916	935	966	986	1016	1037	
867	885	917	936	967	987	1017	1038	
868	886	918	937	968	988	1018	1039	
869	887	919	938	969	989	1019	1040	
870	888	920	939	970	990	1020	1041	
871	889	921	940	971	991	1021	1042	
872	890	922	941	972	992	1022	1043	
873	891	923	942	973	993	1023	1044	
874	892	924	943	974	994	1024	1045	
875	893	925	944	975	995	1025	1046	
876	894	926	945	976	996	1026	1047	
877	895	927	946	977	997	1027	1048	
878	896	928	947	978	998	1028	1049	
879	897	929	948	979	999	1029	1050	
880	898	930	949	980	1000	1030	1051	
881	899	931	950	981	1001	1031	1052	
882	900	932	951	982	1002	1032	1053	
883	901	933	952	983	1003	1033	1054	
884	902	934	953	984	1004	1034	1055	
885	903	935	954	985	1005	1035	1056	
886	904	936	955	986	1006	1036	1057	
887	905	937	956	987	1007	1037	1058	
888	906	938	957	988	1008	1038	1059	
889	907	939	958	989	1009	1039	1060	
890	908	940	959	990	1010	1040	1061	
891	909	941	960	991	1011	1041	1062	
892	910	942	961	992	1012	1042	1063	
893	911	943	962	993	1013	1043	1064	
894	912	944	963	994	1014	1044	1065	
895	913	945	964	995	1015	1045	1066	
896	914	946	965	996	1016	1046	1067	
897	915	947	966	997	1017	1047	1068	
898	916	948	967	998	1018	1048	1069	
899	917	949	968	999	1019	1049	1070	

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1050	1071	1100	1122	1150	1173	1200	1224
1051	1073	1101	1124	1151	1175	1201	1226
1052	1074	1102	1125	1152	1176	1202	1227
1053	1075	1103	1126	1153	1177	1203	1228
1054	1076	1104	1127	1154	1178	1204	1229
1055	1077	1105	1128	1155	1179	1205	1230
1056	1078	1106	1129	1156	1180	1206	1231
1057	1079	1107	1130	1157	1181	1207	1232
1058	1080	1108	1131	1158	1182	1208	1233
1059	1081	1109	1132	1159	1183	1209	1234
1060	1082	1110	1133	1160	1184	1210	1235
1061	1083	1111	1134	1161	1185	1211	1236
1062	1084	1112	1135	1162	1186	1212	1237
1063	1085	1113	1136	1163	1187	1213	1238
1064	1086	1114	1137	1164	1188	1214	1239
1065	1087	1115	1138	1165	1189	1215	1240
1066	1088	1116	1139	1166	1190	1216	1241
1067	1089	1117	1140	1167	1191	1217	1242
1068	1090	1118	1141	1168	1192	1218	1243
1069	1091	1119	1142	1169	1193	1219	1244
1070	1092	1120	1143	1170	1194	1220	1245
1071	1093	1121	1144	1171	1195	1221	1246
1072	1094	1122	1145	1172	1196	1222	1247
1073	1095	1123	1146	1173	1197	1223	1248
1074	1096	1124	1147	1174	1198	1224	1249
1075	1097	1125	1148	1175	1199	1225	1250
1076	1098	1126	1149	1176	1200	1226	1251
1077	1099	1127	1150	1177	1201	1227	1252
1078	1100	1128	1151	1178	1202	1228	1253
1079	1101	1129	1152	1179	1203	1229	1254
1080	1102	1130	1153	1180	1204	1230	1255
1081	1103	1131	1154	1181	1205	1231	1256
1082	1103	1132	1155	1182	1206	1232	1257
1083	1105	1133	1156	1183	1207	1233	1258
1084	1106	1134	1157	1184	1208	1234	1259
1085	1107	1135	1158	1185	1209	1235	1260
1086	1108	1136	1159	1186	1210	1236	1261
1087	1109	1137	1160	1187	1211	1237	1262
1088	1110	1138	1161	1188	1212	1238	1263
1089	1111	1139	1162	1189	1213	1239	1264
1090	1112	1140	1163	1190	1214	1240	1265
1091	1113	1141	1164	1191	1215	1241	1266
1092	1114	1142	1165	1192	1216	1242	1267
1093	1115	1143	1166	1193	1217	1243	1268
1094	1116	1144	1167	1194	1218	1244	1269
1095	1117	1145	1168	1195	1219	1245	1270
1096	1118	1146	1169	1196	1220	1246	1271
1097	1119	1147	1170	1197	1221	1247	1272
1098	1120	1148	1171	1198	1222	1248	1273
1099	1121	1149	1172	1199	1223	1249	1274

Title II Cost of Living Increases  
Under Public Law 94-566  
(Protected Medicaid Conversion Factors)

Month of Cola	Amount of Cola	Conversion Factor
Jan-18	2.0%	0.980
Jan-17	0.3%	0.977
Jan-16	0.0%	0.977
Jan-15	1.7%	0.961
Jan-14	1.5%	0.947
Jan-13	1.7%	0.931
Jan-12	3.6%	0.899
Jan-11	0.0%	0.899
Jan-10	0.0%	0.899
Jan-09	5.8%	0.849
Jan-08	2.3%	0.830
Jan-07	3.3%	0.804
Jan-06	4.1%	0.772
Jan-05	2.7%	0.752
Jan-04	2.1%	0.736
Jan-03	1.4%	0.726
Jan-02	2.6%	0.708
Jan-01	3.5%	0.684
Jan-00	2.5%	0.667
Jan-99	1.3%	0.659
Jan-98	2.1%	0.645
Jan-97	2.9%	0.627
Jan-96	2.6%	0.611
Jan-95	2.8%	0.594
Jan-94	2.6%	0.579
Jan-93	3.0%	0.562
Jan-92	3.7%	0.542
Jan-91	5.4%	0.515
Jan-90	4.7%	0.492
Jan-89	4.0%	0.473
Jan-88	4.2%	0.454
Jan-87	1.3%	0.448
Jan-86	3.1%	0.434
Jan-85	3.5%	0.420
Jan-84	3.5%	0.405
Jul-82	7.4%	0.377
Jul-81	11.2%	0.339
Jul-80	14.3%	0.297
Jul-79	9.9%	0.270
Jul-78	6.5%	0.254
Jul-77	5.9%	0.240

## SSI-Related Programs -- Financial Eligibility Standards: January 1, 2018

PROGRAMS & TYPES OF COVERAGE	INCOME		ASSETS		MAINTENANCE NEEDS STANDARDS / OTHER					
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple						
<b>PROGRAMS MANAGED BY SOCIAL SECURITY</b>					<b>Disregards:</b> *Standard Disregard = \$20 *Earned Income Disregard = \$65 + 1/2 Student Earned Income Disregard = \$1,820 monthly, maximum \$7,350 for calendar year  <b>Ineligible Spouse Deeming:</b> ½ FBR = \$375 Child Allocation = \$375/child (Difference between the couple and single FBR)  <b>Parent to Disabled Child Deeming:</b> Parent Allocation = \$750  <b>Disability Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) = \$1,180 non-blind \$1,970 blind</b>  <b>Medicare Part B Premium = \$134.00, Part A free for most or \$422</b>  <i>* A \$20 General Income Disregard applies to these programs. \$20 will be subtracted from the <u>total of all income</u> not based on need before comparing the income to the income limit. In addition, \$65 is subtracted from the <u>total of all earned income</u>, and ½ the remainder is subtracted before comparing the income to the income limit.</i>					
<b>*Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b> Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) Cash payment of SSI from SSA; Includes Full Medicaid							\$750 <small>(FBR)</small>	\$1,125 <small>(FBR)</small>	\$2,000	\$3,000
<b>*Low Income Subsidy (LIS) or Extra Help (150% FPL)</b> Helps with costs associated with Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Automatic with full Medicaid or Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, QI1). Income limits change yearly							\$1,508	\$2,030	\$13,640	\$27,250
<b>PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE 65+ OR DISABLED (Community Medicaid Programs)</b>										
<b>*MEDS-AD (MM S) (88% FPL)</b> Full Community Medicaid							\$885	\$1,191	\$5,000	\$6,000
<b>*Medically Needy (No Income Limit)</b> Medically Needy Income Level (MNIL) Full Community Medicaid <b>when</b> Share of Cost is met					Subtract \$180 from gross income	Subtract \$241 from gross income				
<b>PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE (Medicare Savings Programs/Buy-In)</b>										
<b>*QMB (100% FPL)</b> Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles <b>only</b>					\$1,005	\$1,354	\$7,390	\$11,090		
<b>*SLMB (120% FPL)</b> Pays for Medicare Part B premium <b>only</b> (PBMO)					\$1,206	\$1,624				
<b>*QI1 (135% FPL)</b> PBMO					\$1,357	\$1,827				
<b>*Working Disabled (200% FPL)</b> Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) Program Pays for Medicare Part A <b>only</b> . Must have lost SSDI due to employment					\$2,010	\$2,707	\$5,000	\$6,000		
<b>PROGRAMS BASED ON INSTITUTIONAL POLICY – Patient Responsibility and Income Trusts may apply.</b>					<b>PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE</b>		<b>SSI Individual \$30 only in NH = \$75 (SPS)</b>  <b>Transfer of Asset Divisor = \$8,944 (eff 6/1/2017)</b>  <b>Community Hospice Allocations:</b> Spouse only = FBR (\$750) Spouse + Dependents or Dependents Only = CNS Standard  <b>Spousal Impoverishment:</b>  MMMNA = \$2,030 Excess shelter = \$609 Standard Utility Allowance = \$347 Maximum Income Allowance = \$3,090 Community Spouse Resource Allowance = \$123,600 Family Members Allowance with Spouse = (MMMNA-income) divided by 3 Dependents with no Spouse = CNS Standard  <b>Home Equity Interest Limit = \$572,000</b>			
<b>Institutional Care Program (ICP)</b> Pays Nursing Home (NH) room, board & care Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					\$105	\$210				
<b>Hospice</b> Pays Hospice services related to terminal illness Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					Community \$1,005 NH \$105	Community \$1,354 NH \$210				
<b>Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or Waivers</b> Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					PACE / SMMC-LTC in ALF: R&B+ \$201 / \$402 PACE / SMMC-LTC at home: \$2,250 / \$4,500 PACE in NH: \$105 / \$210 iBudget / Cystic Fibrosis: \$2,250 / \$4,500 References: 2640.0117.01 & 2640.0118					
<b>STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS</b>										
<b>OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENT (OSS) REDESIGN</b> Maximum Payment = \$78.40 single / \$156.80 Couple Assists with paying room & board at alternate living facilities					\$54 Provider rate \$774.40	\$108 Provider rate \$1,548.80	\$2,000	\$3,000		
<b>PROTECTED OSS</b> Maximum Payment = \$239 single / \$478 Couple Assists with paying room & board at alternate living facilities					\$54 Provider rate \$935	\$108 Provider rate \$1,870				
<b>HOME CARE FOR DISABLED ADULTS (HCDA)</b> Pays small stipend to caregivers of disabled					\$2,250	\$4,500				

## Federal Benefit Rates - January 2018

### SSI-DA (Supplemental Security Income - Direct Assistance)

Situation	FBR
<b><u>Individual</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$ 750
In Medicaid institution	\$ 30
In public institution	\$ 0
<b><u>Couple</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$1125
In Medicaid institution (both members)	\$ 60
Child Allocation for Deeming	\$ 375

**OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

**OSS PROTECTED PROGRAM STANDARDS  
(RTF Not Enrolled for ACS and 2001 "Gap" Group)**

	December 2017	January 2018
<b>Income Standard</b>	\$920/individual \$1840/couple	\$935/individual \$1870/couple
<b>Provider Rate</b>	\$920/individual \$1840/couple	\$935/individual \$1870/couple
<b>Personal needs allowance</b>	\$54 per person	\$54 per person
<b>Maximum OSS Payment</b>	\$239/individual \$478/couple	\$239/individual \$478/couple

**OSS REDESIGN STANDARDS  
(ALF, AFCH and RTF Enrolled provider for ACS)**

	December 2017	January 2018
<b>Income Standard</b>	\$813.40/individual \$1626.80/couple	\$828.40/individual \$1656.80/couple
<b>Provider Rate</b>	\$759.40/individual \$1518.80/couple	\$774.40/individual \$1548.80/couple
<b>Personal Needs Allowance</b>	\$54 per person	\$54 per person
<b>Maximum OSS Payment</b>	\$78.40/individual \$156.80/couple	\$78.40/individual \$156.80/couple

**OTHER STANDARDS FOR OSS PROGRAM**

	December 2017	January 2018
<b>SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)</b>		
Individual	\$735	\$750
Couple	\$1103	\$1125
<b>Maximum Resources</b>		
Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000
Couple	\$3,000	\$3,000