



**State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families**

**Rick Scott**  
*Governor*

**Rebecca Kapusta**  
*Interim Secretary*

---

**DATE:** December 7, 2018      **TRANSMITTAL NO.:** I-18-12-0015

**TO:** Economic Self-Sufficiency Operations Managers  
Economic Self-Sufficiency Program Offices

**FROM:** Tonyaleah Veltkamp, Chief, Program Policy  
Suzanne Poirier, Chief, Technology and Project Management  
**(Signatures on File)**

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Cost of Living Adjustment and Other Changes

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2019

---

This memorandum is to inform staff of the January 2019 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 2.8 percent increase in the January 2019 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 2019 benefits. There will also be changes in January 2019 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 2.8 percent increase through a FLORIDA mass change at pulldown in December to be effective January 1, 2019. The update will affect **cases in an open or 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 12/31/2018 in history, and the new amount will have a begin date of 01/01/2019.

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

Cases that cannot be updated automatically by the 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, 2019.**

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 did not close the assistance group on the FLORIDA system.
- **Failure Reason Code 241 (over income):** 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 2019.** 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 01/01/2019.

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 MEDICAID PROGRAMS**

An interim increase of 2.8 percent has been calculated for programs whose income standards are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). These interim standards will be used for all Medicaid Programs, until the official figures are released in the Spring 2019.

For Medicaid cases, use the new standards for eligibility beginning January 2019 and ongoing for all applications currently pending on FLORIDA.

Staff must **NOT** terminate benefits for recipients in active Medicaid cases that would be ineligible based on the 2019 COLA increases until the official 2019 FPL figures are released in the Spring 2019. Instructions on how to process these type of Medicaid 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). If there are any technology or systems questions, please contact LaQuetta Anderson at [LaQuetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com](mailto:LaQuetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com)

cc: Interim Secretary (Rebecca Kapusta)  
Assistant Secretary for Economic Self-Sufficiency (Jennifer Lange)  
Director (Vacant)  
Regional ESS Directors  
Customer Call Center (Guerschom Alcin, Janio Garcia, Brenda Anderson,  
Andrew Houghton, Goodluck Owi)  
Customer Information Support Services Unit (Melinda Klamer)  
Data Analytics, Technology, and Project Management (William Martinez, Margie  
France, Lori Schultz, LaQuetta Anderson)  
EBT (Michael Pogue)  
Employment and Training (Vacant)  
ESS Program Administration (Jamie Franz)  
FLORIDA Help Desk (Goldie Payne)  
Information Technology (Kit Goodner, Barbara Roglieri)  
Office of Appeal Hearings (Nathan Koch)  
Office of Child Welfare (JoShonda Guerrier, Traci Leavine, Courtney M. Smith)  
Office of Communications (David Frady)  
Office of Continuous Improvement (Cindy Mickler)  
Office of the General Counsel (Lynn S. Hewitt)  
Program Policy (Melissa Burns, Nathan Lewis, Jacinta Murphy)  
Peer and Integrity Review Manager (Terry Field)  
Public Benefits Integrity (Andrew McClenahan, Sheri Hall, Karen Jilson)  
Florida Legal Services (Cindy Huddleston)  
AHCA (Mary McCullough, Ann Dalton, Lisa Gill, Peggy Hall, Virginia Hardcastle,  
Shevaun Harris, Beth Kidder, Abby Riddle, Erica Floyd Thomas)  
Florida Bar Elder Law Section (Emma Hemness, Twyla Sketchley)  
Florida Healthy Kids (Austin Noll)

### 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 2019 Federal Poverty Level figures are released in the Spring 2019.)</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 2019.</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 2019.</li> <li>• Complete the budget and appropriate SPS change effective January 2019.</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-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19
Individual	733	735	750	771
Couple	1100	1103	1125	1157

Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase
450	463	500	514	550	566	600	617
451	464	501	516	551	567	601	618
452	465	502	517	552	568	602	619
453	466	503	518	553	569	603	620
454	467	504	519	554	570	604	621
455	468	505	520	555	571	605	622
456	469	506	521	556	572	606	623
457	470	507	522	557	573	607	624
458	471	508	523	558	574	608	626
459	472	509	524	559	575	609	627
460	473	510	525	560	576	610	628
461	474	511	526	561	577	611	629
462	475	512	527	562	578	612	630
463	476	513	528	563	579	613	631
464	477	514	529	564	580	614	632
465	479	515	530	565	581	615	633
466	480	516	531	566	582	616	634
467	481	517	532	567	583	617	635
468	482	518	533	568	584	618	636
469	483	519	534	569	585	619	637
470	484	520	535	570	586	620	638
471	485	521	536	571	587	621	639
472	486	522	537	572	589	622	640
473	487	523	538	573	590	623	641
474	488	524	539	574	591	624	642
475	489	525	540	575	592	625	643
476	490	526	541	576	593	626	644
477	491	527	542	577	594	627	645
478	492	528	543	578	595	628	646
479	493	529	544	579	596	629	647
480	494	530	545	580	597	630	648
481	495	531	546	581	598	631	649
482	496	532	547	582	599	632	650
483	497	533	548	583	600	633	651
484	498	534	549	584	601	634	652
485	499	535	550	585	602	635	653
486	500	536	552	586	603	636	654
487	501	537	553	587	604	637	655
488	502	538	554	588	605	638	656
489	503	539	555	589	606	639	657
490	504	540	556	590	607	640	658
491	505	541	557	591	608	641	659
492	506	542	558	592	609	642	660
493	507	543	559	593	610	643	662
494	508	544	560	594	611	644	663
495	509	545	561	595	612	645	664
496	510	546	562	596	613	646	665
497	511	547	563	597	614	647	666
498	512	548	564	598	615	648	667
499	513	549	565	599	616	649	668

SSI	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19
Individual	733	735	750	771
Couple	1100	1103	1125	1157

Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase
650	669	700	720	750	771	800	823
651	670	701	721	751	773	801	824
652	671	702	722	752	774	802	825
653	672	703	723	753	775	803	826
654	673	704	724	754	776	804	827
655	674	705	725	755	777	805	828
656	675	706	726	756	778	806	829
657	676	707	727	757	779	807	830
658	677	708	728	758	780	808	831
659	678	709	729	759	781	809	832
660	679	710	730	760	782	810	833
661	680	711	731	761	783	811	834
662	681	712	732	762	784	812	835
663	682	713	733	763	785	813	836
664	683	714	734	764	786	814	837
665	684	715	736	765	787	815	838
666	685	716	737	766	788	816	839
667	686	717	738	767	789	817	840
668	687	718	739	768	790	818	841
669	688	719	740	769	791	819	842
670	689	720	741	770	792	820	843
671	690	721	742	771	793	821	844
672	691	722	743	772	794	822	846
673	692	723	744	773	795	823	847
674	693	724	745	774	796	824	848
675	694	725	746	775	797	825	849
676	695	726	747	776	798	826	850
677	696	727	748	777	799	827	851
678	697	728	749	778	800	828	852
679	699	729	750	779	801	829	853
680	700	730	751	780	802	830	854
681	701	731	752	781	803	831	855
682	702	732	753	782	804	832	856
683	703	733	754	783	805	833	857
684	704	734	755	784	806	834	858
685	705	735	756	785	807	835	859
686	706	736	757	786	809	836	860
687	707	737	758	787	810	837	861
688	708	738	759	788	811	838	862
689	709	739	760	789	812	839	863
690	710	740	761	790	813	840	864
691	711	741	762	791	814	841	865
692	712	742	763	792	815	842	866
693	713	743	764	793	816	843	867
694	714	744	765	794	817	844	868
695	715	745	766	795	818	845	869
696	716	746	767	796	819	846	870
697	717	747	768	797	820	847	871
698	718	748	769	798	821	848	872
699	719	749	770	799	822	849	873

SSI	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19
Individual	733	735	750	771
Couple	1100	1103	1125	1157

Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase
850	874	900	926	950	977	1000	1028
851	875	901	927	951	978	1001	1030
852	876	902	928	952	979	1002	1031
853	877	903	929	953	980	1003	1032
854	878	904	930	954	981	1004	1033
855	879	905	931	955	982	1005	1034
856	880	906	932	956	983	1006	1035
857	881	907	933	957	984	1007	1036
858	883	908	934	958	985	1008	1037
859	884	909	935	959	986	1009	1038
860	885	910	936	960	987	1010	1039
861	886	911	937	961	988	1011	1040
862	887	912	938	962	989	1012	1041
863	888	913	939	963	990	1013	1042
864	889	914	940	964	991	1014	1043
865	890	915	941	965	993	1015	1044
866	891	916	942	966	994	1016	1045
867	892	917	943	967	995	1017	1046
868	893	918	944	968	996	1018	1047
869	894	919	945	969	997	1019	1048
870	895	920	946	970	998	1020	1049
871	896	921	947	971	999	1021	1050
872	897	922	948	972	1000	1022	1051
873	898	923	949	973	1001	1023	1052
874	899	924	950	974	1002	1024	1053
875	900	925	951	975	1003	1025	1054
876	901	926	952	976	1004	1026	1055
877	902	927	953	977	1005	1027	1056
878	903	928	954	978	1006	1028	1057
879	904	929	956	979	1007	1029	1058
880	905	930	957	980	1008	1030	1059
881	906	931	958	981	1009	1031	1060
882	907	932	959	982	1010	1032	1061
883	908	933	960	983	1011	1033	1062
884	909	934	961	984	1012	1034	1063
885	910	935	962	985	1013	1035	1064
886	911	936	963	986	1014	1036	1066
887	912	937	964	987	1015	1037	1067
888	913	938	965	988	1016	1038	1068
889	914	939	966	989	1017	1039	1069
890	915	940	967	990	1018	1040	1070
891	916	941	968	991	1019	1041	1071
892	917	942	969	992	1020	1042	1072
893	919	943	970	993	1021	1043	1073
894	920	944	971	994	1022	1044	1074
895	921	945	972	995	1023	1045	1075
896	922	946	973	996	1024	1046	1076
897	923	947	974	997	1025	1047	1077
898	924	948	975	998	1026	1048	1078
899	925	949	976	999	1027	1049	1079

SSI	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19
Individual	733	735	750	771
Couple	1100	1103	1125	1157

Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase	Current SSA Amount	with 2.8% Increase
1050	1080	1100	1131	1150	1183	1200	1234
1051	1081	1101	1132	1151	1184	1201	1235
1052	1082	1102	1133	1152	1185	1202	1236
1053	1083	1103	1134	1153	1186	1203	1237
1054	1084	1104	1135	1154	1187	1204	1238
1055	1085	1105	1136	1155	1188	1205	1239
1056	1086	1106	1137	1156	1189	1206	1240
1057	1087	1107	1138	1157	1190	1207	1241
1058	1088	1108	1140	1158	1191	1208	1242
1059	1089	1109	1141	1159	1192	1209	1243
1060	1090	1110	1142	1160	1193	1210	1244
1061	1091	1111	1143	1161	1194	1211	1245
1062	1092	1112	1144	1162	1195	1212	1246
1063	1093	1113	1145	1163	1196	1213	1247
1064	1094	1114	1146	1164	1197	1214	1248
1065	1095	1115	1147	1165	1198	1215	1250
1066	1096	1116	1148	1166	1199	1216	1251
1067	1097	1117	1149	1167	1200	1217	1252
1068	1098	1118	1150	1168	1201	1218	1253
1069	1099	1119	1151	1169	1202	1219	1254
1070	1100	1120	1152	1170	1203	1220	1255
1071	1101	1121	1153	1171	1204	1221	1256
1072	1103	1122	1154	1172	1205	1222	1257
1073	1104	1123	1155	1173	1206	1223	1258
1074	1105	1124	1156	1174	1207	1224	1259
1075	1106	1125	1157	1175	1208	1225	1260
1076	1107	1126	1158	1176	1209	1226	1261
1077	1108	1127	1159	1177	1210	1227	1262
1078	1109	1128	1160	1178	1211	1228	1263
1079	1110	1129	1161	1179	1213	1229	1264
1080	1111	1130	1162	1180	1214	1230	1265
1081	1112	1131	1163	1181	1215	1231	1266
1082	1112	1132	1164	1182	1216	1232	1267
1083	1114	1133	1165	1183	1217	1233	1268
1084	1115	1134	1166	1184	1218	1234	1269
1085	1116	1135	1167	1185	1219	1235	1270
1086	1117	1136	1168	1186	1220	1236	1271
1087	1118	1137	1169	1187	1221	1237	1272
1088	1119	1138	1170	1188	1222	1238	1273
1089	1120	1139	1171	1189	1223	1239	1274
1090	1121	1140	1172	1190	1224	1240	1275
1091	1122	1141	1173	1191	1225	1241	1276
1092	1123	1142	1174	1192	1226	1242	1277
1093	1124	1143	1176	1193	1227	1243	1278
1094	1125	1144	1177	1194	1228	1244	1279
1095	1126	1145	1178	1195	1229	1245	1280
1096	1127	1146	1179	1196	1230	1246	1281
1097	1128	1147	1180	1197	1231	1247	1282
1098	1129	1148	1181	1198	1232	1248	1283
1099	1130	1149	1182	1199	1233	1249	1284

Title II Cost of Living Increases  
(Protected Medicaid Conversion Factors)

Month of Cola	Amount of Cola	Conversion Factor
Jan-19	2.8%	0.973
Jan-18	2.0%	0.954
Jan-17	0.3%	0.951
Jan-16	0.0%	0.951
Jan-15	1.7%	0.935
Jan-14	1.5%	0.921
Jan-13	1.7%	0.906
Jan-12	3.6%	0.874
Jan-11	0.0%	0.874
Jan-10	0.0%	0.874
Jan-09	5.8%	0.826
Jan-08	2.3%	0.808
Jan-07	3.3%	0.782
Jan-06	4.1%	0.751
Jan-05	2.7%	0.731
Jan-04	2.1%	0.716
Jan-03	1.4%	0.706
Jan-02	2.6%	0.689
Jan-01	3.5%	0.665
Jan-00	2.5%	0.649
Jan-99	1.3%	0.641
Jan-98	2.1%	0.628
Jan-97	2.9%	0.610
Jan-96	2.6%	0.594
Jan-95	2.8%	0.578
Jan-94	2.6%	0.564
Jan-93	3.0%	0.547
Jan-92	3.7%	0.528
Jan-91	5.4%	0.501
Jan-90	4.7%	0.478
Jan-89	4.0%	0.460
Jan-88	4.2%	0.441
Jan-87	1.3%	0.436
Jan-86	3.1%	0.422
Jan-85	3.5%	0.408
Jan-84	3.5%	0.394
Jul-82	7.4%	0.367
Jul-81	11.2%	0.330
Jul-80	14.3%	0.289
Jul-79	9.9%	0.263
Jul-78	6.5%	0.247
Jul-77	5.9%	0.233

## SSI-Related Programs -- Financial Eligibility Standards: January 2019

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 = \$1,870 monthly, maximum \$7,550 for calendar year <b>Ineligible Spouse Deeming:</b> 1/2 FBR = \$386 Child Allocation = \$386/child (Difference between the couple and single FBR)  <b>Parent to Disabled Child Deeming:</b> Parent Allocation = \$771  <b>Disability Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) = \$1,220 non-blind \$2,040 blind</b>  <b>Medicare Part B Premium = \$136, Part A free for most or \$437</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 1/2 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								
<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, Q11). Income asset limits change annually								
<b>PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE 65+ OR DISABLED (Community Medicaid Programs)</b>								
<b>*MEDS-AD (MM S) (88% FPL)</b> Full Community Medicaid					<b>\$891</b>	<b>\$1,208</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>*Medically Needy (No Income Limit)</b> Medically Needy Income Level (MNIL) Full Community Medicaid <u>when</u> 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 <u>only</u>					<b>\$1,012</b>	<b>\$1,372</b>	<b>\$7,730</b>	<b>\$11,600</b>
<b>*SLMB (120% FPL)</b> Pays for Medicare Part B premium <u>only</u> (PBMO)					<b>\$1,214</b>	<b>\$1,646</b>		
<b>*Q11 (135% FPL)</b> PBMO					<b>\$1,366</b>	<b>\$1,852</b>		
<b>*Working Disabled (200% FPL)</b> Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) Program Pays for Medicare Part A <u>only</u> . Must have lost SSDI due to employment					<b>\$2,024</b>	<b>\$2,744</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<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 = \$100 (SPS)</b>  <b>Transfer of Asset Divisor = \$9,171 (eff 7/1/2018)</b>  <b>Community Hospice Allocations:</b> Spouse only = FBR (\$771) Spouse + Dependents or Dependents Only = CNS Standard  <b>Spousal Impoverishment:</b> MMMNA = \$2,058 Excess shelter = \$617 Standard Utility Allowance = \$359 Maximum Income Allowance = \$3,161 Community Spouse Resource Allowance = \$126,420 Family Members Allowance with Spouse = (MMMNA-income) divided by 3 Dependents with no Spouse = CNS Standard <b>Home Equity Interest Limit = \$585,000</b>	
					<b>Individual</b>	<b>Couple</b>		
<b>Institutional Care Program (ICP)</b> Pays Nursing Home (NH) room, board & care Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$260</b>		
<b>Hospice</b> Pays Hospice services related to terminal illness Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					Community \$1,012 NH \$130	Community \$1,372 NH \$260		
<b>Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or Waivers</b> Pays Medicare A & B premiums, coinsurance & deductibles					PACE / SMMC-LTC in ALF: R&B+ \$202 / \$404 PACE / SMMC-LTC at home: \$2,313 / \$4,626 PACE in NH: \$130 / \$260 iBudget: \$2,313 / \$4,626 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					<b>\$849.40</b>	<b>\$1698.80</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>PROTECTED OSS (Reference OLM 2040.0822)</b> Maximum Payment = \$239 single / \$478 Couple Assists with paying room & board at alternate living facilities					<b>\$956</b>	<b>\$1912</b>		
<b>HOME CARE FOR DISABLED ADULTS (HCDA)</b> Pays small stipend to caregivers of disabled					<b>\$2,250</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>		

**Federal Benefit Rates - January 2019**

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

<b>Situation</b>	<b>FBR</b>
<b><u>Individual</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$ 771
In Medicaid institution	\$ 30
In public institution	\$ 0
<b><u>Couple</u></b>	
Own assistance group or non-Medicaid institution	\$1157
In Medicaid institution (both members)	\$ 60
Child Allocation for Deeming	\$ 386

**OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

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

	December 2018	January 2019
<b>Income Standard</b>	\$935/individual \$1870/couple	\$956/individual \$1912/couple
<b>Provider Rate</b>	\$935/individual \$1870/couple	\$956/individual \$1912/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 2018	January 2019
<b>Income Standard</b>	\$828.40/individual \$1656.80/couple	\$849.40/individual \$1698.80/couple
<b>Provider Rate</b>	\$774.40/individual \$1548.80/couple	\$795.40/individual \$1590.80/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 2018	January 2019
<b>SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)</b>		
Individual	\$750	\$771
Couple	\$1125	\$1157
<b>Maximum Resources</b>		
Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000
Couple	\$3,000	\$3,000