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**SUBJECT:** Increase in Personal Needs Allowance

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2018

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This memo provides information to staff about the increase in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for nursing home residents.

Effective July 1, 2018, a bill was passed by the Florida Legislature, increasing the PNA for nursing home residents. The PNA, per individual, will increase from \$105 to \$130 per month beginning with the July 2018 eligibility budget. The PNA, per couple, will increase from \$210 to \$260 per month. The PNA, for Supplement Security Income (SSI) only nursing home residents, will increase from \$75 to \$100 per month.

**FLORIDA Instructions:** The FLORIDA TMEP reference table has been updated to reflect the new PNA for cases processed effective July 1, 2018. A mass change will be run this month for July changes. FLORIDA notices will be generated if this causes a change in the client's personal needs allowance. After mass change is completed a system broadcast message will be posted on FLORIDA. The message will advise staff when the Mass Change Exception report is available. Staff must take appropriate action on cases appearing on the exception report.

If there are policy questions, region offices may contact Nathan Lewis at [Nathan.Lewis@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Nathan.Lewis@myflfamilies.com). If there are any technology or systems questions, please contact LaQuetta Anderson at [LaQuetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com](mailto:LaQuetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com).

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