



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

December 31, 2019

GCR 19-090
PROPOSED

Personal Needs Allowance Increase

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is filing State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0002 to increase the monthly Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) by \$25 per individual. The PNA is for individuals on Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid residing in a nursing home. It is the amount that the individual gets to keep of their monthly income to cover their personal needs. The PNA for an individual will go from \$47.66 to \$72.66 per month. The PNA for a couple will go from \$95.33 to \$145.33 per month.

This change is a result of Act 72 of 2019 legislative session and is meant to increase the quality of life for nursing home residents on LTC Medicaid by allowing them to retain more of their income to cover their personal needs costs.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2020

Authority/Legal Basis:

Medicaid State Plan

Act 72 of 2019: An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

Population Affected:

Long-Term Care Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$501,300.

Public Comment Period:

December 31, 2019 – January 31, 2020

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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Additional Information:

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the [Agency of Human Services website](#).

Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7603 addresses Services Covered in a Nursing Facility, including the definition of personal comfort items at 7603.2.