

# OSS Advisory Newsletter

## CRCF Funding Sources



Community Residential Care Facilities have two different funding sources for reimbursement. The funding sources are the OSS entitlement payment and SSI payment. Facility staff is required to notify both the SC DHHS and SSA when a change occurs within their facilities.

In order to insure that the residents Social Security payments are transferred to the new facility a Form SSA-11 can be completed by a DSS caseworker. They must also send a copy of their badge, and court document. They can mail it in and a visit is not required.

A facility that is registered with the Social Security Administration can also complete the Form SSA-11. But they must also complete the Form SSA-4164 with the recipient's signature. They can mail it or fax it to 803-765-5134. It is recommended that a facility that is not registered with Social Security Administration request an appointment, receive a briefing regarding policy and procedure. There are different policies for a facility and an individual. There are also different policies for those who have a court order and those who do not. The forms are online at [sa.gov](http://sa.gov).

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### PROVIDER SERVICE CENTER

PSC will accept calls from all providers requiring assistance with the following:

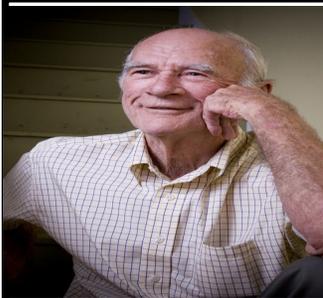
- Provider Enrollment
- Filing claims via the Web Tool
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) support
- Nursing Home, OSS and Hospice room and board questions.

Providers can contact the PSC via the toll-free number :

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### 2012 "Face of Aging" Tour



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Lieutenant Governor Glenn McConnell will begin a series of visits to Aging facilities throughout South Carolina to assess existing Aging services and gather suggestions on improvements from local seniors, caregivers, and residents. Each stop is scheduled to include a forum for public input as well as visits to area nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior centers.

- December 5-6, 2012: Region VII - Pee Dee (Counties include Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro)
- December 11-12, 2012: Region X - Low country (Counties include Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper)

#### Find Your Legislators

To identify who your South Carolina State Senators and Representatives are please visit the South Carolina State House website at [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov).



- Select Legislation and then select Find Your Legislator
- Enter your facility address, city name, and zip code into the spaces indicated on the website and;
- The results of the search should list the South Carolina States Senator and Representative for the county in which you live.

2013 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase.

The SSI Federal Payment Standard will be raised by 1.7% - from \$698 to \$710 for 2013 - a \$12 increase from 2012.

In 2013, \$2 of this increase will go to the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) - raising PNA to \$61 for pay cat 86 and \$81 for pay cat 85.

The new Net Income Limit (NIL) will be \$1193. The new amount a CRCF

Alexis Martin is the new OSS Program Manager. Please remember to submit your TAD no later than **December 17, 2012**. If you know that you will be late. submitting your TAD please contact the Provider Service Center.

## THINKING ABOUT IT.....

Thinking about... Engaging Residents in Giving this Holiday Season

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With the holiday season fast approaching, you may be looking forward to the traditional activities of gift-giving and receiving, family time, and food. Another major holiday tradition is giving of oneself. Your time, talents and energy can be wonderful gifts to others. Likewise, your residents may enjoy activities involving the use of their time and talents to make contributions to the lives of others. There is much value to be gained from their wealth of skills, wisdom and experiences. Doing for others can also have a positive impact on residents' lives by creating meaningful connections with others. This month's issue compiles ways to actively involve residents in spreading holiday cheer.



1. Ask Residents What They Remember about the Holidays – This may take some extra time as residents consider the question. You might want to ask them what they enjoyed doing during the holidays. Your residents may share individual stories of baking, sending cards or notes to a long distance family member,

chopping wood for a fire, sewing to make new clothes, cracking nuts, singing around the family piano, decorating Christmas trees, or relatives visiting. Allowing residents to share their memories is a gift within itself. In stark contrast to how we often retreat to modern-day technology, residents may recall a time of drawing nearer to one another. Hearing details of how they spent their holidays before there were personal computers, mobile phones, and video games encourages an appreciation of the simple things in life. While sharing their experiences, residents also reap the health benefits from social engagement.



2. Create Gifts from Resident Memories – The residents' special holiday memories may evoke some interests that could be translated into gifts for others. This may require some creativity, but with a little effort wonderful gifts can be made. Here are few ideas you may wish to try with your residents:

- If you find many residents who shared fond memories of singing during the holidays, maybe a small group would be interested in caroling at a nursing home in the area.
- For those who recall sending cards or writing letters, maybe they would be interested in sending cards to a special group like the military. Veterans in your facility may feel a special connection and desire to participate in this gift-giving activity.



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- Residents who recalled stories of decorating during the holidays may enjoy decorating wreaths or making ornaments to share with others. University of South Carolina
- Some of your residents may remember sewing clothes or knitting during the holiday season. They may enjoy making or decorating stockings and sharing them with others in your facility or as gifts to a local children's program.
- For those who have fond memories of baking, maybe they'd like to decorate cookies to share with guests during the holiday season. Some of your residents may enjoy sharing their recipes or cooking advice. Creating a holiday cookbook would be a great activity for the residents and an exciting gift to share with others (including family members) who would like to have some traditional holiday recipes.

Here's to engaging residents in giving this holiday season! I hope you find this information helpful because I've really been Thinking About It.

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