



OSS ADVISORY

FY 2007-12
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COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) OSS ENTITLEMENT INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2008

Effective with dates of service beginning January 01, 2008, the maximum payment made to a facility will be increased by \$14.00 from \$1106.00 to \$1120.00. The new Net Income Limit (NIL) will be \$1120.00. The personal needs allowance will be increased by \$2.00 to \$55.00 for category 86 residents and \$75 for category 85 residents. This means that the resident will begin receiving their \$55.00 or \$75.00 beginning January 01, 2008. As in the past, the personal needs allowance must be deducted from other income that the resident receives rather than the OSS entitlement payment. The increase in the monthly entitlement amount will be reflected in the regularly scheduled check for January 2008 services issued March 07, 2008. The new amount a facility may now charge is \$1065.00, a \$12.00 increase from the previous \$1053.00.

The new provider daily entitlement amounts that are being used to calculate your payments for October 2007 through December 2007 dates of service are as follows:

1. February (29 day month) \$38.62 a day,
2. April, June, September, November (30 day months) \$37.33 a day,
3. January, March, May, July, August, October, December (31 day months) \$36.12 a day.

The OSS entitlement payments made on behalf of residents to Community Residential Care Facilities are considered payment in full. Any differences caused by rounding in the payment system cannot be billed to the resident or deducted from the resident's personal needs allowance.

TADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MCCS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14, 2007

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the claims processing time has been shortened. TADs for the month of November 2007 must be received by MCCS by December 14, 2007. Failure to submit TADs by this date will result in withholding of payment. Please double check the TAD and documentation for accuracy – the short window for processing may not allow enough time for staff to make follow up courtesy phone calls to obtain corrected information.

****See additional pages for the remaining pay dates for 2007/08 and the Personal Needs Allowance notice for posting.**

*****NOTICE*****

**TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF
OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION
ENTITLEMENT FUNDS**

BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2008 THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE WILL INCREASE BY \$2.00, FROM \$53.00 PER MONTH TO \$55.00 PER MONTH FOR CATEGORY 86 RESIDENTS AND FROM \$73 PER MONTH TO \$75 PER MONTH FOR CATEGORY 85 RESIDENTS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT THE NEW AMOUNTS ** \$55.00 OR \$75.00 ** FROM YOUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2008.

2007/2008 PAYMENT DATES FOR OSS

October 2007 dates of service – December 07, 2007

November 2007 dates of service – January 04, 2008

December 2007 dates of service – February 01, 2008

January 2008 dates of service – March 07, 2008 (New Entitlement amount effective)

February 2008 dates of service – April 04, 2008

March 2008 dates of service – May 02, 2008

April 2008 dates of service – June 06, 2008

May 2008 dates of service – July 04, 2008

June 2008 dates of service – August 01, 2008

July 2008 dates of service – September 05, 2008

August 2008 dates of service – October 03, 2008

September 2008 dates of service – November 07, 2008

October 2008 dates of service – December 05, 2008

All dates are subject to change.

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