



## OSS ADVISORY

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### **FAXED TURN-AROUND DOCUMENTS (TADs) WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED**

Beginning February 01, 2008, faxed TADs will **no longer be accepted**. We can no longer accept faxed TADs due to problems concerning legibility and reduced type size. Please mail the original TAD (DO NOT cut or alter the original TAD in any way) and appropriate documentation to arrive by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month to:

**Claims Receipt – CRCF  
Claims Section  
Post Office Box 67  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0067**

If you must overnight your TAD so it arrives by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month, please send to:

**MCCS – NH/OSS AW-220  
8901 Farrow Road  
Columbia, SC 29203-9731**

If original TADs are not received timely, payment will not be made. The procedure below will need to be followed to receive payment.

## **REMOVAL OF CLIENTS FOR ORIGINAL TADs NOT RECEIVED TIMELY**

**Original TADs** are due by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the TAD is not received timely, all OSS clients will be removed from your TAD. This means the CRCF will not receive any payment for the month that the TAD was not returned. In order to receive payment, the CRCF will need to submit the TAD that was not returned as well as the new TAD the following month. The CRCF will also be required to add the clients to the new TAD – because it will be blank upon receipt as the clients have been removed.

Example for the upcoming month - (The CRCF does not submit TAD for January 2008 services by February 17, 2008 – the claims center will remove clients after an attempt has been made to contact the CRCF for the TAD – no payment will be made on March 07, 2008 – the new blank TAD for February 2008 services will be mailed to the CRCF on March 07, 2008 – the CRCF must mail in the TAD for January 2008 services that they neglected to send as well as the TAD for February 2008 services – the TAD for February 2008 services must include each client added {hand-written in} to the TAD for January 2008 and February 2008 services including number of days and income amounts as well as a copy of the admitting CRCF-01 for the client and any CRCF-01s changing income – the TADs for January 2008 and February 2008 would have to be received by the claims center no later than March 17, 2008 to be processed timely.

This will be an ongoing process for original TADs not received and for original TADs not received timely. There are many CRCFs that are habitually not sending the TADs in timely or they are not sending them in at all. **Remember** – TADs are only processed once a month. If you neglect to send your TAD in timely, we cannot process the information until the normal processing dates for the next month.

## **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.

**\*\*\*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.

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## **2007/2008 PAYMENT DATES FOR OSS**

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.