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SUBJECT: Changes in Room & Board,
PNA, Medicare Premium,
and Medicaid Eligibility
Cap for 2012

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APPLICABILITY: Global Options for Long-Term Care (GO) Medicaid Waiver Care Managers, Adult Family Care Sponsor Agencies, and Assisted Living Residences/Comprehensive Personal Care Home Providers

BACKGROUND: The Room and Board rates, Personal Needs Allowances, and Medicaid Waiver eligibility caps change annually based on the federal Social Security Administration's cost-of-living adjustment.

It is necessary for Care Managers of GO participants in Assisted Living facilities and Adult Family Care homes to have this updated information in a timely fashion in order to revise the participants Cost Share Worksheets for 2012. The Division of Aging and Community Services (DACS) also sends this information to Assisted Living facilities and Adult Family Care providers.

There was no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2010 and 2011. The COLA for 2012 is 3.6% for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries.

Medicare Part B premium for all beneficiaries, regardless of the year of enrollment, is \$99.90.

The gross monthly income cap for Medicaid Waiver eligibility is \$2,094.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION:

See attached Cost Share Information Grid.



To: Distribution

From: Amy Ancharski, Supervisor
Office of the Assistant Commissioner
Division of Aging and Community Services (DACS)

Date: December 20, 2011

Subject: Cost Share Information - 2012
Program Instruction GQ PI-2011-08

MEMO

This Memo is intended to provide specific information needed to complete Cost Share Worksheets (AL-3 form) for Global Options for Long-Term Care (GO) participants receiving either Assisted Living (AL) or Adult Family Care (AFC) services. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are the basis for the standard deductions permitted when computing cost share.

	SSI Federal Payment	plus SSI State Supplement	Total "SSI Only" payment	Room and Board	Personal Needs Allowance
Assisted Living Residence (ALR)	\$698	\$150.05	\$848.05	\$744.55	\$103.50
Comprehensive Personal Care Home (CPCH)	\$698	\$150.05	\$848.05	\$744.55	\$103.50
Adult Family Care (AFC)	\$698	\$31.25	\$729.25	\$625.75	\$103.50

- The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2012 is 3.6% for Social Security and SSI beneficiaries.
- Medicare Part B premium for all beneficiaries, regardless of the year of enrollment, is \$99.90.
- The gross monthly income cap for GO Medicaid Waiver eligibility is \$2,094.
- A husband and wife in an ALR/CPCH will be viewed as a couple for the first month of eligibility when applying for the SSI supplement for room and board. The joint incomes should not exceed \$1,666 and joint assets may not exceed \$3,000. The next month they will be treated as individuals and all criteria for individual eligibility will apply.
- Reminder for those AL facilities that engage in Room & Board Supplementation: If your published rates have increased for 2012, please fax a copy of the new fee schedule to Jean King in the Division of Aging and Community Services at 609-943-4981.

The amounts included here are effective January 1, 2012.

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