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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 85-9

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors      DATE: November 1, 1985  
SUBJECT: Personal Needs Allowance Amount Increase (PNA)

Governor Thomas H. Kean signed a law (L. 1985 c. 286) which takes effect on November 1, 1985, entitling all Medicaid Only eligible recipients residing in Title XIX approved facilities to a \$10.00 increase in their monthly Personal Needs Allowance (PNA). The new Personal Needs Allowance is \$35.00.

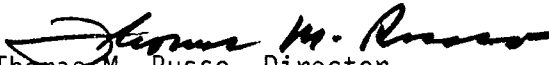
Starting with the month of November, 1985, only those Medicaid eligible individuals who have available income applied against their cost of care will receive the \$10.00 PNA increase. For those SSI residents who receive their monthly PNA checks through the Social Security Administration, the increase shall remain inoperative until the approval of the Commissioner of Human Services' administrative plan by the Federal Government.

It will not be necessary to prepare a new PA-3L reflecting the \$10.00 increase for those recipients who are already active on the Medicaid nursing home billing system. After October 31, 1985, the new PNA amount must be used in the preparation of all new or revised PA-3Ls.

This Division will distribute a long-term care services bulletin to each nursing home informing them of the increased PNA amount and requesting that a copy of the attached announcement be given to each Medicaid resident.

Any questions regarding this communication should be directed to Margaret Kerchner, Administrator, Recipient and Provider Operations at (609) 292-4656.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Division of Medical Assistance  
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cc: Larry J. Lockhart  
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Governor Thomas H. Kean signed a law (L. 1985, c. 286) which entitles eligible Medicaid Only recipients residing in Medicaid approved (Title XIX) facilities to a \$10 increase in their monthly Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) effective November 1, 1985. This will increase the PNA checks to \$35 except for those residents who receive a monthly SSI check of \$25 from the Social Security Administration. The \$10 increase for SSI recipients will be delayed until the increase and plan for payment is reviewed and acted on by the federal government.