

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 2. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

10:87-2.2 Household defined

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) In no event shall nonhousehold member status or separate household status be granted to:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. A spouse of a member of the household. For the purposes of this Program, the term "spouse" shall include persons who are legally married pursuant to New Jersey law, as well as individuals in a domestic partnership, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq., and civil union partners, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 37:1-28 et seq.; or

4. (No change.)

(d) (No change.)

(a)

DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Administrative Change

Work First New Jersey/General Assistance Rate in Residential Health Care Facilities

N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.17

Effective Date: January 1, 2024.

Take notice that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.17(a)1, the Department of Human Services announces that the rate to be paid for Work First New Jersey/General Assistance individuals in residential health care facilities has been increased to \$1,153.05 monthly. This change became effective January 1, 2024, and is the same in both the amount and effective date as the change in the rate for the same services paid to recipients pursuant to the Federal program of Supplemental Security Income.

Full text of the changed rule follows (addition indicated in boldface thus; deletion indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 3. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY—INCOME, RESOURCES, BENEFITS

10:90-3.17 WFNJ/GA special payment provisions for other living arrangements

(a) When an individual is purchasing a room and board living arrangement, the following shall apply:

1. When an individual who is in need of extensive personal services on a regular and continuous basis is purchasing a room and board living arrangement in a residential health care facility (licensed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for purposes other than the care or treatment of drug or alcohol abuse), the monthly assistance payment (\$[1,051.05] **1,153.05**), including a personal allowance, shall not exceed the rate approved by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, less any countable income. When a rate increase is approved, a notice of administrative change to that effect will be published in the New Jersey Register. Information about the current rate may also be obtained by contacting the DFD. However, the cost of purchasing such living arrangement shall not exceed the minimum amount that the establishment customarily charges to or for other guests not dependent on public assistance, for the same accommodations and/or services.

2.-3. (No change.)

(b)

DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Notice of Administrative Change

Consumer Cost Share Obligation Table

N.J.A.C. 10:140-4.3

Effective Date: May 21, 2024.

Take notice that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:140-4.3(j), the Department of Human Services (Department) announces an updated Consumer Cost Share Obligation Table for 2024. The table is required to be established pursuant to P.L. 1987, c. 350 (N.J.S.A. 30:4G-19). The law also requires that the table be updated annually.

Full text of the changed rule follows:

SUBCHAPTER 4. INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS AND FEES

10:140-4.3 Consumer cost share obligation fees and requirements

(a)-(i) (No change.)

(j) The table below shall be updated annually in accordance with the change in the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The amounts of the cost share obligations will be revised annually by a notice of administrative change published in the New Jersey Register; however, any change in the "income increment" or in the applicable percentage of the cost share obligation as listed in the table below shall be promulgated through rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.