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## **Allowable Room and Board Rate – REVISED FOR 2022 SSI AMOUNT December 6, 2021**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the allowable room and board rates an Assisted Living community or Adult Family Care home may charge individuals who participate in the Aged and Disabled and Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waivers and Money Follows the Person programs.

Under 455 IAC 3-1-12, participants living in Assisted Living communities or Adult Family Care homes are entitled to retain at least their personal needs allowance as established by the State of Indiana.

A provider, after assuring that the participants retain their PNA, may bill participants up to the current maximum Federal Supplemental Security Income. ***The monthly maximum Federal SSI amount for 2021 is \$841 per month for an eligible individual based on a 5.9% cost of living increase.*** Providers may not charge Medicaid eligible individuals a room and board rate that exceeds the maximum SSI amount for a studio apartment. A participant who wishes to select a larger room, may pay extra for any unit exceeding the size of a studio based on the monthly amount determined by the facility.

Please see the three examples below for further clarification. The amounts included in the examples below are for illustrative purposes only. Providers are responsible for determining the current maximum SSI and the State PNA when calculating room and board rates. The current SSI amount may be found at: <http://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/SSI.html>. Per Ind. Code §12-15-7-2, the State PNA is \$52 and may be found at: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lrx/0501401001CHI>.

### **Example 1: Medicaid Waiver participant receiving only SSI income**

Medicaid Waiver participant monthly income	\$841.00
SSI for an eligible individual	\$841.00
PNA	\$52.00
Allowable room and board rate	\$789.00



**Example 2: Medicaid Waiver participant with income in excess of the SSI rate**

Medicaid Waiver participant monthly income	\$994.00
SSI for eligible individual	\$841.00
PNA	\$52.00
Allowable room and board rate	\$789.00

**Example 3: Medicaid Waiver participant with income less of the SSI rate**

Medicaid Waiver participant monthly income	\$500.00
SSI for eligible individual	\$841.00
PNA	\$52.00
Allowable room and board rate	\$448.00

**Example 4: Medicaid Waiver participant with income in excess of the SSI rate and participant election of larger unit \***

Medicaid Waiver participant monthly income	\$2,000.00
SSI for eligible individual	\$841.00
PNA	\$52.00
Allowable room and board rate	\$1,948.00

*\* If a waiver participant chooses to live in a larger unit, the Division of Aging allows waiver-certified assisted living facilities to charge more for a unit that exceeds a studio apartment. The amount of rent for the larger unit is negotiated between the provider and participant. The above calculation is an example of how an assisted living provider could determine rent for a larger unit.*

In each of these examples, the participant retains his or her PNA.

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