

BAAS POLICY RELEASE (PR)	
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TO:	All BAAS Staff; Social Service Providers; Dawn Tierney; Henry Lipman and Aging and Disability Resource Center Managers (ADRC)
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SUBJECT:	Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment; Increase in the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) Eligibility Income Limit
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 01, 2025

SUMMARY

This Policy Release (PR) releases the 2025 Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Effective January 1, 2025, the monthly income limit used by the Bureau of Adult and Aging Services and its contractors, to determine eligibility for services under Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) is increasing from \$1,561.20 to \$1,600.20 for an individual. This represents an increase of \$39.03 per month.

The increase is calculated based on the 2.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) in Social Security benefits that goes into effect on January 1, 2025. State law requires the NH Department of Health and Human Services to increase the Title XX income eligibility limit to correspond with any Social Security COLA.

The increase in the Title XX income limit is not retroactive and will only affect new applications submitted on or after January 1, 2025, and any redeterminations completed on or after that date.

The revised Title XX monthly eligibility limit will not result in any changes to BAAS 3000, "*Application for Social Services*" (currently under revision) or to the current eligibility determination process for Title XX services.

In accordance with current procedures, only the income of the applicant or recipient is considered in the financial eligibility portion of determining eligibility for Title XX services.

Current recipients of Title XX services should not become ineligible due to the 2025 Social Security COLA, since the Title XX monthly income limit has been increased in correspondence with the COLA.

SYSTEM CHANGES AND PROCEDURES

The Options System will be updated effective January 1, 2025, to incorporate the revised Title XX monthly income limit.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective January 1, 2025.

The revised Title XX eligibility income limit will be posted on the BAAS website under Home & Community Care at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/adult-aging-care/home-and-community-based-care>.

Please review any of your state or locally based outreach materials to see if updates are needed to reflect the new amount.

TRAINING

No special training is planned or needed

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