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To: Area Agencies, Provider Agencies, Service Coordination Agencies, BDS Staff, and NH Guardianship Agencies

From: Jessica Gorton, Bureau Chief
NH Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS)

Re: **2025 Standard of Need and Income Changes**

The Division of Economic Stability (DES), Bureau of Family Assistance (BFA) has announced there is a 2.5% increase for 2025 in Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, and the Standard of Need (SON) for individuals receiving financial assistance under New Hampshire's Adult Assistance categories. SSA/SSI benefit levels will increase to **\$967** per month, formerly \$943.

The SON levels for individuals eligible for Medicaid under Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD), Old Age Assistance (OAA), and Aid to the Needy Blind (ANB) are as follows:

For an individual in independent living;

- **\$981 per month** formerly \$957

For an individual living in an He-M 1001 Certified Staffed Residence, He-M 521 Certified Family Setting, or He-M 525 Certified Family Setting with a residential service;

- **\$1,043 per month** formerly \$1,019

For an individual living in an He-M 1001 Certified Enhanced Family Care residence, or an He-M 525 Certified Enhanced Family Care residence.

- **\$1,161 per month** formerly \$1,137

BDS will apply the \$24/month increase to the Residential Fees. **Residential fees will be increased as listed below:**

- **\$848** formerly \$824, for He-M 1001 Certified Staffed Residences, He-M 521 Certified Family Setting; or He-M 525 Certified Family Setting with a residential service; and

- **\$966** formerly \$942, for individuals in He-M 1001 Certified Enhanced Family Care Residences or He-M 525 Certified Enhanced Family Care residences.

Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for individuals receiving BDS Waiver Services will remain unchanged at \$195/month for individuals residing in a staffed residence or enhance family care home. Individuals living independently or in their family's home will have a PNA equal to the Nursing Facility Cap.

The Nursing Facility (NF) Cap, used for Medicaid financial eligibility determinations has increased to **\$2,901** from \$2,829 per month; GROSS income must be equal to or less than **\$2,901**/month. Individuals with monthly income in excess of \$2,901 may be able to "Spend Down" to the Protected Income Limit (PIL) to gain Medicaid eligibility; the PIL for an individual has increased to \$916 per month.

If you have questions, you may contact BDS@dhhs.nh.gov, the BDS main line at 603-271-5034, or your regional liaison.

BDS Regional Liaison contact list: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt476/files/documents2/liaison-program-specialist-contact-list.pdf>