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Division of Long Term Supports and Services (DLTSS)
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS RELEASE OF POLICY	
PR NUMBER:	24-03
FROM:	Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief, Elderly and Adult Services
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SUBJECT:	Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment; Increase in the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) Eligibility Income Limit
TO:	Melissa Hardy, Division Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services; Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief, Elderly and Adult Services; Kyra Leonard, Finance Director DLTSS, Laurie Health Administrator III Finance, Jennifer Rand, Business Administrator; Uma Bhusari, IT Manager; Elizabeth Delaney, Business Systems Analyst; Candice Robinson, Business Systems Analyst; All BEAS Staff; BEAS Social Service Providers; ServiceLink Managers
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 1, 2024

Summary

Effective January 1, 2024, the monthly income limit used by the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services and its contractors to determine eligibility for Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) services will increase from \$1,512.80 to \$1,561.20 for an individual. This represents an increase of \$48.40 per month.

This increase has been calculated based on the 3.2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) in Social Security benefits that goes into effect on January 1, 2024. State law requires the NH Department of Health and Human Services to increase the Title XX income eligibility limit commensurate 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, 2024, and any redeterminations completed on or after that date.

Implementation

A change will be made in the Options System effective January 1, 2024 to incorporate the revised Title XX monthly income limit.

The revised Title XX eligibility income limit will be posted on the BEAS website under Home & Community Care at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/adult-aging-care/home-and-community-based-care>. If this income limit is also noted in other state or locally based outreach materials, those materials should be updated to reflect the new amount.

The revised Title XX monthly eligibility limit will not result in any changes to BEAS 3000, “Application for Social Services” 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 2024 Social Security COLA, since the Title XX monthly income limit has been increased commensurate with the COLA.

References

To access the adopted rule on the Social Services Block Grant Program (He-E 501), go to the website at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us> and then to the link for Administrative Rules. The current income limit will be noted in an appendix to the rule.

Training

No training is planned.

Disposition

This PR shall be retained until further notice.

Distribution

This PR is being distributed to all BEAS staff and to other NH DHHS staff as appropriate, and to BEAS Social Service Providers and ServiceLink Managers.

Posting to BEAS Policy & Procedures Database

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