

Your Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) – Your Money, Your Choice

This brochure explains how your Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) works in the Supportive Living Program (SLP), what your rights are, and the support our community provides. **Key Facts**

- The Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) is your money to keep and spend as you wish.
- Effective 01/01/2025, the PNA in Illinois is \$120 per month (previously \$90).
- Your PNA should always be available to you.
- You may keep and manage your own funds, use a representative payee of your choice

Your Rights About Your Money

- You choose whether to maintain an individual bank account and whether to have a representative payee.
- The SLP cannot require you to assign the community as your representative payee.
- You decide how to spend your PNA (subject to applicable laws); your choices and privacy are respected.
- You receive education on these rights at move-in and at least annually.

Access to Your Money (How to Get It)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Using Your PNA – Examples

Common Uses (OK)	Not From PNA
Clothing and shoes	Room and board charges owed to the SLP
Toiletries and personal hygiene items	SLP waiver services paid by Medicaid
Haircuts/salon services	Medical expenses already covered by Medicaid or other insurance
Cell phone/service, internet, cable	
Hobbies, books, newspapers	
Dining out, social outings, gifts, faith/community activities	

How PNA Is Calculated (Plain Language)

Each month, your income is used first to pay your room and board. You then keep your Personal Needs Allowance (PNA). Under Illinois rules, any remaining income after PNA and room/board may go first toward medical expenses not covered by Medicaid; any income still remaining may be applied to SLP waiver services paid by the Medicaid Agency. If you have questions about your specific calculation, our Business Office can review it with you.

How We Support You

- Help opening or managing a bank account, ATM access, or budgeting (on request).
- Transportation scheduling for banking and shopping needs.

- Documentation of your preferences in your Individual Service Plan (ISP).

Questions or Concerns

- Talk with our Business Office Manager or Executive Director at any time.
- You have the right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

Policy References (For Your Records)

- 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(i) – Community settings requirements
- IDHS: PM 15-06-02-b – Personal Needs Allowance and Supportive Living Program Room and Board
- HFS Resident Fact Sheet – Resident Fact Sheet | HFS

The information aligns with federal and state requirements, including 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(i) and Illinois policy for SLP settings.