

From: [Jackie Johnson](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Cc: [Michelle Duncan](#); [Tonya Beal](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed Allowance
Date: Thursday, December 28, 2023 12:34:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I'm inquiring to see if the income changes that we have already submitted for January 2024 will be adjusted automatically to reflect the allowance from \$30 to \$60 or do we need to complete new income changes?

Thank you,

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From: [Nicole Miron](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Personal Needs Allowance Change - question
Date: Thursday, December 28, 2023 2:51:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Good afternoon,

We received this HFS notification about Personal Needs allowance for the residents in Nursing homes.

From what I am reading is saying that "HFS is proposing..." But still waiting for federal approval.

So, should we proceed with the \$60.00 personal allowance as of January 1, 2024 or should we still wait until is approved by federal?

Can you please advise?

Thank you so much.

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards of payment of the personal needs allowance for residents in a skilled nursing home facility. The proposed change is effective for dates of service January 1, 2024, and after.

[Public Act 103-0102](#) provided for an increase in the personal needs allowance for a person who is a resident in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act for whom payments are made throughout a month and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance.

The personal needs allowance for the individuals listed above will be increased to \$60.00 per month for individuals and \$120 for couples. The proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$16.2 million.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination

Section 60-5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 5-35.5 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/5-35.5 new)

Sec. 5-35.5. Personal needs allowance; nursing home residents. Subject to federal approval, on and after January 1, 2024, for a person who is a resident in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act for whom payments are made under this Article throughout a month and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under this Article, the monthly personal needs allowance shall be \$60.

HFS Public Notices

Public Notice and Request for Comment

Pursuant to federal regulation 42 CFR Part 447, the state is required to issue public notice on changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates. This process provides beneficiaries, providers and other stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on such changes.

2023 Public Notices

- [12/28/2023 – Public Notice - Personal Needs Allowance \(pdf\)](#)



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Subject: Personal Needs Allowance Change
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

HFS has released guidance that the Personal Needs Allowance will change from \$30 to \$60 monthly on January 1, 2024. Use the link below to access the PDF.

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>

[Public Notices](#)

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Best regards,

Mary Button

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From: [Stephanie Berkey](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Increase to Personal Needs Allowance
Date: Friday, December 29, 2023 8:21:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning. Can I please get a status update on this change?

I saw the notice released yesterday that would increase the PNA for residents in a skilled nursing facility. It said the proposed change is 1/01/24; however, reading further it sounds like the comment period is in effect for the next 30 days. I want to make sure I understand the process before sharing any information with our residents and families.

Thanks,
Stephanie

Stephanie J. Berkey

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From: [Tonya Beal](#)
To: [HFS,BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] \$60 for residents of LTC
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:40:34 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
Importance: High

Is this in effect 1/1/2024 or is it still in process? We are trying to find out what we need to allow our residents this month.

Thank you,

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From: [WENDY RENDON](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PNA question
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:37:07 PM

My sister is in a skilled nursing home and Forestview receives her SS check.
The business office is saying that she only gets \$30 this month even tho law was passed Jan 1, 2024 to increase the PNA to \$60.
Please advise if there was a change or is the facility making that decision.

Thank you

From: [Jennifer Illarde](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Increase in Residents Personal Fund Allowance
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 10:54:31 AM

Hello:

Can you tell me if the proposed change to increase the residents allowance effective 1/1/2024 has been officially approved yet?

Thank you!



Jennifer Illarde LNHA

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From: [Lorri Weeks](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Nursing Home Personal Needs Allowance Question
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1:49:11 PM

Hello,

My name is Lorri and I work for Swansea Rehabilitation and Health Care. There is currently some confusion over how much residents should receive for their personal needs allowance this month. My Social worker found the Proposed Changes Notice on your page stating residents should get \$60 a month after 1/1/2024. However, my Cooperate Boss at Petersen Health Care informed me that this was never approved and the amount should still be \$30 per resident. Could you please verify which amount is correct at your earliest convenience?

Thanks,
Lorri Weeks
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From: [BOM.CRE](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Public Act 103-0102 Question
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024 11:06:55 AM

ARTICLE 60.
Section 60-5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 5-35.5 as follows:
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Hello,
I am the business office manager for Crestwood Terrace . We are licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act and are an ICF.
Will this personal needs allowance apply to our residents as well.

Thank You,

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From: [Jerry Jerard Vaughn](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Emergency rescinded of law and returning to \$30 as of today by caseworkers.
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024 11:13:21 AM

To whom it may concern,

I was informed today by the administration of the nursing home that I reside in that as of this morning their corporate headquarters was informed by IDH caseworkers that they were informed by Springfield that they were to stop immediately processing the \$60 for our portion into resend and go back to the \$30 immediately. My question is, is the law still in effect or is, someone trying to pull a fast one on me by scamming me out of 30 and blaming it on the state? If someone could reply back to me in an expressed an expedient manner, that would be appreciated. I am also going to get in touch with the ombudsman for the facility thank you very much.

Yours truly, Jerry Vaughn

From: [Anna Ledwon](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Question
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 12:23:23 PM

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Hello,

Are the residents in a Nursing Home allowed to keep \$60 instead of \$30 starting 2024? We are receiving Notice of Decision for January 2024 and some say \$30 and others say \$60. I contacted DHS via email and got no response and I called left messages.

Please let us know

Thank you

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To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Increase in nursing home personal needs allowance per PA 103-0102
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:11:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please approve the much-needed and long-overdue increase in the nursing home personal needs allowance from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per month for individuals and from \$60.00 to \$120.00 per month for married couples.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Bounds, Sharon](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Cc: [Bounds, Sharon](#)
Subject: [External] personal allowance
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:02:49 PM

Good Afternoon,

For the proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates. It states the personal allowance for the individual who resides in a skilled nursing home facility increased from \$30.00 to \$60.00 a month starting in January 2024. Does McLean County Nursing Home increase the amount for each individual in January or when we do their yearly redetermination?

Thank you!

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From: [Maria Haight](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed Change for allowance 2024
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:27:16 PM

Is the change official, can we notify our patients they now get to keep \$60 monthly allowance rather than \$30 ? The word "proposed" sounds like it isn't official yet and may be subject to change.

Thank you

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From: [Wesley Coulson](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Cc: NAELA-il@ConnectedCommunity.org
Subject: [External] Increase in nursing home personal needs allowance per PA 103-0102
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:32:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please approve the much-needed and long-overdue increase in the nursing home personal needs allowance from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per month for individuals and from \$60.00 to \$120.00 per month for married couples.

Please note that the indication that this would result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$16.2 million is grossly overstated and wildly incorrect. That figure suggests that about 533,000 Illinois residents are in a nursing home. But the State's long-term care population is about 66,000 persons, some of whom are private pay. Even if all 66,000 were receiving Medicaid the increased cost to the State would be about \$1,980,000.

Thanks for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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From: [Ryan Gannaway](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Public Act 103-0102 Comment
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:11:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Greetings,

Illinois needs to make it a policy to routinely adjust the **personal needs allowances** for residents in **all** types of long-term care facilities to keep up with inflation.

Supportive Living is approaching **20 years** without having their personal needs allowance adjusted for inflation.

As I close, I would like to end with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi

“The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.”

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Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 4:24:51 AM
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Good Morning,
Is the \$60 effective January 2024 or a different month?
