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To: Residential Care Homes, Assisted Living Residences, Traumatic Brain Injury Providers and Development Service Providers

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Subject: SSI Increase – Room & Board

Effective January 1, 2009, SSI benefits will increase by \$37.00 per month to reflect increases in the cost of living (COLA). In response to the difficult economic times and the increasing cost for fuel, food and insurance, providers may choose to increase their room & board charge an additional \$37.00 per month. Providers must ensure that individuals served through a DDAS administered program retain a personal spending amount listed below. Providers must also give residents proper notice of change in room & board fee.

The chart below reflects the Personal Spending Allowance by category of service.

Developmental Services

Description	Total SSI	Room & Board	Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	772.69	657.69	115.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level 3 without assisted care</i>	941.13	826.13	115.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	897.94	782.94	115.00
Independent Living	726.04	N/A	N/A

Section 7.03 of the Developmental Services Regulations specifies that the above designation shall be full and complete payment for room and board for people receiving residential services funded through the home and community-based services waiver. The same section governs individuals with private means to pay room and board.

TBI Services

Description	Total SSI	Room & Board	Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	772.69	683.69	89.00
Licensed Residential Care Home Level 3 without assisted care	941.13	852.13	89.00
Licensed Residential Care Home Level IV/TCR	897.94	808.94	89.00
Independent Living	726.04	N/A	N/A

Providers may choose to charge a resident less for room and board payment so the resident may retain a greater personal needs spending allowance.

Assistive Community Care Services & Choices for Care Enhanced Residential Care Services

Description	Total SSI	Room & Board	Personal Spending
Level III RCH/ALR with ACSS SSI/AABD Payment Level <i>Residents living in a Private Room with income above SSI may be charged 85% of their income after Medicaid for room & board payment.</i>	722.38	662.38	60.00

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If you have any questions please contact Nancy Marinelli at 802-241-4431 or nancy.marinelli@ahs.state.vt.us.

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