

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

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Re: SSI Increase 2013 - Room & Board Update

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Effective January 1, 2013, SSI benefits will increase by \$12.00 per month to reflect a 1.7 % increase in the cost of living (COLA).

In response to the continuing difficult economic times and the increasing cost for fuel, food and insurance, providers may choose to increase their room & board charge an additional \$12.00 per month. Providers must ensure that individuals served through a DDAS administered program retain a personal spending amount listed below. *Please note that providers may choose to charge a resident less for room and board payment so the resident may retain a greater personal needs spending allowance.*

Providers must also give residents proper notice of any change in room & board charges, according to licensing regulations.

The charts on the next page reflect the personal spending allowance by category of service.

If you have any questions please contact Sara Lane at 802-871-3045 or [sara.lane@state.vt.us](mailto:sara.lane@state.vt.us).

## SSI Increase 2013 – Room & Board

### Developmental Services

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total SSI 2013</b>	<b>Room &amp; Board</b>	<b>Minimum Personal Spending</b>
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i> )	808.69	693.69	115.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	977.13	862.13	115.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	933.94	818.94	115.00
Independent Living	762.04	N/A	N/A

Section 6.2 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 waiver. The same section governs individuals with private means to pay room and board.

### TBI Services

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total SSI 2013</b>	<b>Room &amp; Board</b>	<b>Minimum Personal Spending</b>
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i> )	808.69	713.69	95.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	977.13	882.13	95.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	933.94	838.94	95.00
Independent Living	762.04	N/A	N/A

### Assistive Community Care Services & Choices for Care Enhanced Residential Care (ERC)

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total SSI 2013</b>	<b>*Room &amp; Board</b>	<b>Minimum Personal Spending</b>
Licensed Level III Residential Care Home and Assisted Living Residences with ACCS <i>*Residents living in a private room with income above SSI may be charged up to 85% of their income after Medicaid for room &amp; board payment.</i>	758.38	*698.38	60.00

### Medicaid Protected Income Limit (PIL)

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<i>Outside</i> of Chittenden County	\$958	\$975
<i>Inside</i> of Chittenden County	\$1033	\$1058