

State of Vermont

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Agency of Human Services

MEMO

To: Licensed Level III and Assisted Living Providers
Developmental Services Providers,
TBI Services Providers
Adult Family Care Authorized Agencies

From: Megan Tierney-Ward, ASD Director 
Roy Gerstenberger, DDS Director 

Date: January 3, 2017

Re: Room & Board Memo – 2017 Standards Update

The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has been notified that effective January 1, 2017, SSI benefits were increased by \$2 per month to reflect an increase in the cost of living (COLA). This memo is to communicate the new room & board and minimum personal spending amounts allowed under the DAIL room & board standards.

With the 2017 SSI increase, the room & board standard will increase by \$1 and the personal needs allowance will also increase by \$1. Please refer to the accompanying table for exact amounts based on the setting.

As a reminder, providers must ensure that individuals retain the required minimum personal spending amount listed in the table. *However, providers may choose to charge a person 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 applicable licensing regulations and program standards.

Please contact your applicable state program representative with questions.

C: ASD Staff
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Developmental Services

Description	Total SSI 2017	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	833.69	708.69	125.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	1002.13	877.13	125.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	958.94	833.94	125.00
Independent Living	787.04	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

Description	Total SSI 2017	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Unlicensed Residential Care Home (also called <i>Board and Care Home</i> or <i>Developmental Home</i> or <i>Shared Living</i>)	833.69	724.69	109.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level III without ACCS</i>	1002.13	893.13	109.00
Licensed Residential Care Home <i>Level IV/TCR</i>	958.94	849.94	109.00
Independent Living	787.04	N/A	N/A

Choices for Care – Adult Family Care

Description	Total SSI 2017	Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
Adult Family Care Home	833.69	708.69	125.00

Assistive Community Care Services (which includes CFC Enhanced Residential Care)

Description	Total SSI 2017	*Room & Board	Minimum Personal Spending
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 room & board up to 85% of their net income after Medicaid standard deductions and medical deductions.</i>	783.38	*709.38	74.00

<u>Medicaid Protected Income Limit (PIL)</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<i>Outside</i> Chittenden County:	\$1008	\$1025
<i>Inside</i> Chittenden County:	\$1083	\$1108