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To: Income Maintenance Supervisors
Income Maintenance Lead Workers
Income Maintenance Staff

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Institutional Medicaid Personal Needs Allowance Increase

CROSS REFERENCE

- Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, [Section 27.7.6 Personal Needs Allowance](#)
- Wis. Stat. § 49.45(7)(a)

EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2024

PURPOSE

This memo announces an increase to the personal needs allowance for Institutional Medicaid members.

BACKGROUND

Institutional Medicaid members are required to contribute some of their income toward the cost of their long-term care services. This contribution is referred to as “patient liability.” When the patient liability amount is calculated, an allowance must be deducted for the member’s personal needs, such as clothing and other personal items. This is called the “personal needs allowance.”

Prior to the change announced in this memo, the personal needs allowance was \$45. As part of the 2023-25 Biennial Budget (2023 Wisconsin Act 19), the personal needs allowance was increased to \$55 effective July 1, 2024.

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Effective July 1, 2024, the Institutional Medicaid personal needs allowance is \$55 per month.

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