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Policy revised for nursing facility patient liability for certain members receiving veteran's pensions

Effective August 1, 2017, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) revised how some veteran's pensions are considered in calculating patient liability for members receiving Medicaid services and residing in nursing facilities. Single veterans or widows or widowers of veterans who are entitled to a veteran's pension receive a reduced pension amount of \$90 per month from the Veteran's Administration when they are approved for Medicaid coverage and are admitted into a Medicaid-certified institution. Other veterans may request this reduction, but otherwise it will not apply to their benefits.

In the past, this \$90 pension payment prevented a member from receiving the \$52 monthly personal needs allowance (PNA) typically allotted for Medicaid members. Beginning with dates of service on or after August 1, 2017, this policy was revised so that the \$52 PNA is granted without regard to receipt of the \$90 veteran's pension. For members who have a patient liability, this change affects the member's monthly patient liability amount. Nursing facilities will see the patient liability for affected members reduced by the \$52 PNA amount.



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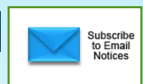
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