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To: All Medicaid Providers of Long Term Care (Nursing Facilities, Community Residential Facilities for the Developmental Disabled, ICFS/MR)

Subject: Personal Needs Allowance

Overview

Effective July 1, 1999, the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) as reflected in *405 IAC 2-3-17* and *2-3-21* will be changed. The PNA has been increased from \$35 to \$50 for Medicaid recipients residing in long term care facilities. As you are aware, the PNA is the amount of money which the recipient is allowed to keep in order to buy personal items. All recipients affected by this change will be notified in writing of the decrease in their personal liability amount. The liability amount will be verifiable by utilizing any of the following eligibility verification methods described in the Indiana Medical Assistance Provider Manual pages 2-4-1 through 2-6-7:

- Automated Voice Response
- National Electronic Claim Submission (NECS) Dial-up
- OMNI Swipe Card Device

It is important to remember that the decrease in a patient's personal liability amount does not constitute any changes in the billing practices already employed by your facility. The IndianaAIM system will automatically deduct each patient's new liability amount at the time the claim is being processed based on the liability amount information provided by the county offices.

If you have any questions relative to this change, please contact EDS Customer Assistance at 1-800-577-1278 or (317) 655-3240.