



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## Informational Letter

### Section 1

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<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">Attachment 1: Personal Needs Allowance in Non-Medical Facilities Chart</a> <a href="#">Attachment 2: Personal Needs Allowance in Medical facilities Chart</a>
<b>Attachment Available Online:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
17 INF-01	06 INF-08 06 ADM-03 06 INF-33 09 INF-14 12 INF-04 14 INF-07 15 INF-03	Section 352.8(c)(1) Section 900.17(a)	SSL 131-o (7) SSL 159(10)		ABEL Transmittal 17-4

## Section 2

### I. Purpose

This informational Letter (INF) provides social services districts with revised charts that represent the monthly Personal Needs Allowances (PNA) for residents of Non-Medical facilities (Attachment 1) and Medical Facilities (Attachment 2). The Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) in Non-Medical Facilities (Attachment 1) chart reflects an increase in the (PNA) for Congregate Care Level facilities due to the 2018 Social Security Administration (SSA) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

### II. Background

When recipients of Temporary Assistance (TA) reside in non-medical facilities or medical facilities, districts must provide a monthly PNA for clothing and incidentals. The type of facility the individual resides in determines the amount of the PNA. Use of the correct shelter type will generate the correct PNA.

Individuals who reside in Congregate Care 1, 2 or 3 facilities receive a PNA based on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) PNA for the type of facility they reside in. The PNA amounts normally increase when the SSA adjusts federal SSI benefits to reflect the increase in the COLA.

### III. Program Implications

Effective with the 2018 SSA COLA, the PNA for residents of Congregate Care Level 1, 2, and 3 facilities (Attachment 1) was increased by 2.0%. For more information on the mass re-budget see [ABEL Transmittal 17-4](#) "General Introduction to WMS Support for the January 1, 2018 Mass Changes."

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