

**INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2197-FFS**

**DATE:** December 10, 2020

**TO:** Administrators of Residential Care Facilities (RCFs)

**APPLIES TO:** Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** RCF Maximum Per Diem Rate and Personal Needs Allowance Increase

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2021

Effective January 1, 2021, the maximum RCF per diem rate will increase from \$31.66 to \$32.01.

There will be no increase in the flat per diem rate at this time. The flat per diem rate remains at \$17.86.

Also, due to an increase in the average Medicaid copays paid by RCF Medicaid members in State Fiscal Year 2020 (SFY 20), the personal needs allowance for RCF assistance recipients will increase from \$104.00 to \$106.00 per month effective January 1, 2021.

Please have your residents contact their income maintenance worker in the local DHS office if they have questions about the personal needs allowance or their client participation.