

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2296-FFS

DATE: December 15, 2021

TO: Residential Care Facilities (RCF)

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, 2022

Effective January 1, 2022, the maximum RCF per diem rate will increase from \$32.01 to \$33.53.

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

Additionally, the personal needs allowance for RCF assistance recipients will increase from \$106.00 to \$111.00 per month effective January 1, 2022. This increase is based on the average Medicaid copays paid by RCF Medicaid members in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 in conjunction with the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase announced by the Social Security Administration.

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.