

Aging Program Directive (APD)

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Program Area: Domiciliary Care

Disposition: Rescinds APD #24-25-01

Origin: Bureau of Aging Services

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Subject: 2026 Domiciliary Care Payment to Provider

To: Pennsylvania Department of Aging
Area Agencies on Aging
Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Pennsylvania Council on Aging



From: _____
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Secretary

Purpose: The purpose of this Aging Program Directive is to adjust the dollar amount which Domiciliary Care consumers shall pay to their home provider monthly, and the amount to be retained by the consumer, as a personal needs allowance

Background: For calendar year 2026, the total monthly SSI benefit for Domiciliary Care consumers receiving SSI shall be increased by \$27.00 from \$1,601.30 to \$1,628.30 for an individual and shall increase by \$41.00 from \$2,797.40 to \$2,838.40 for a couple. This latest SSI increase is the result of the Federal Cost of Living Adjustment (2.8%) which becomes effective January 1, 2026.

Per regulation PA Code Title 6 Aging, Chapter 21, Section 21.41(6), the Department of Aging is responsible for determining the monthly dollar amount that Domiciliary Care consumers pay to Domiciliary Care home providers. To eliminate a bias for private pay consumers by providers, private pay consumers, regardless of income or resources, pay the same monthly rate as consumers who are SSI recipients. The difference between what the consumer receives and the amount he or she pays the provider is the consumer's personal needs allowance.

Directives:

The Department has determined the \$27.00 increase for an individual shall be split between the provider and the consumer. The provider shall receive a \$21.60 increase and the consumer shall receive a \$5.40 increase. For couples, the \$41.00 monthly increase shall also be split between the provider and consumer. The provider shall receive a \$32.80 increase and the couple shall receive a \$8.20 increase.

Effective January 1, 2026, Domiciliary Care consumers shall pay their Domiciliary Care provider \$1,334.96 per month and retain the balance of at least \$293.34 as a personal needs allowance. Domiciliary Care couples shall pay their provider \$2,333.00 per month and retain at least \$505.40, as their personal needs allowance.

Please complete a new Consumer/Provider Agreement effective January 1, 2026. Enter the monthly amount of \$1,334.96 for an individual and \$2,333.00 for a couple. These amounts shall be used for all Domiciliary Care Consumer/Provider Agreements that are effective on or after January 1, 2026.

If and when a change occurs with the Federal SSI payments or State Supplement Domiciliary Care payment, the above figures will be revised.