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TO: Medicaid Nursing Facility Providers

SUBJECT: PNA Increase for SSI Recipients

EFFECTIVE: February 1, 2019

PURPOSE: Notification of increase in Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and of the retroactive PNA payments back to July 1, 2017

BACKGROUND: Effective July 1, 2017, the New Jersey Legislature made a provision in the State Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act for raising the nursing facility Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) standard to \$50 per month for fiscal year 2018. This increase went into effect for individuals receiving Medicaid through the SSI program in February 2019.

ACTION: Beginning in February 2019, SSI recipients will receive their PNA increase to \$50 per month. Payments retroactive to July 1, 2017 will also be disbursed in February 2019.

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