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TO: Nursing Facilities, Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospitals, and
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FROM: Tom Dehner, Medicaid Director *TD*

RE: Increase in Personal Needs Allowance

***Change in Personal
Needs Allowance***

Effective July 1, 2007, the personal-needs allowance (PNA) for residents of nursing facilities and chronic disease and rehabilitation and psychiatric hospitals who are MassHealth members and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) was increased to \$72.80 per month.

Systems Changes

MassHealth's systems were updated to reflect the new PNA amount on July 13, 2007. All affected cases were updated and sent notices.

***SSI PNA
Retroactive Checks***

SSI recipients residing in these facilities will receive retroactive PNA payments later this year (no earlier than November 2007).

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.
