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TO: Rest Homes

FROM: Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*

RE: **2006 Social Security Benefit Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Residents of Rest Homes**

Background

Effective January 1, 2006, a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increased monthly benefits for most recipients of Retirement/Survivors/Disability Insurance (RSDI) by 4.1%.

Patient-Paid Amount Increase for Residents of Rest Homes

Effective January 1, 2006, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment amount for residents of rest homes increased by \$24 per month, resulting in a \$24 per month increase in the patient-paid amount (PPA).

Personal Needs Allowance

The personal needs allowance (PNA) for SSI recipients in rest homes remains \$60 per month.

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in the 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.
