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**TO:** Rest Homes

**FROM:** Tom Dehner, Acting Medicaid Director 

**RE:** **2007 Social Security Benefit Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Residents of Rest Homes**

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**Background** Effective January 1, 2007, a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increased monthly benefits for most recipients of Retirement/Survivors/Disability Insurance (RSDI) by 3.3%.

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**Patient-Paid Amount Increase for Residents of Rest Homes** Effective January 1, 2007, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment amount for residents of rest homes increased by \$20 per month, resulting in a \$20 per month increase in the patient-paid amount (PPA).

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

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**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](mailto:providersupport@mahealth.net), or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.

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