



**Information
Memorandum**

Oregon Department of Human Services

Originating Cluster:

Seniors and People with Disabilities

Authorized by: Elizabeth Lopez, Administrator
Signature

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Date: December 3, 2003

January 1, 2004

Cost-of-Living Increases (Social Sec. and SSI Reciepients)

Subject: Client Offset Calculations

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | DD Case Managers/Supervisors |
| | DD Housing Developers |
| | Brokerage Directors |
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Message:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Social Security Administration will grant a \$12.00 cost-of-living increase to Social Security and SSI recipients. Please allocate the increase as follows:

\$10.00 to Room and Board
\$2.00 to Personal Allowance

This will result in the following SPD/OMHAS baseline rates:

Program	2004 Room and Board	2004 Pers. Allowance*
1. Aged Adult	\$439.70	\$126.00*
2. Disabled Adult	\$439.70	\$126.00*
3. Blind Adult	\$452.70	\$138.00*
4. Child Under 18	\$438.00	\$126.00

* Personal allowance may be more depending upon the source of income, waived status, or other factors.

The increases specified above will affect all recipients except those receiving General Assistance (Program 5). Program 5 recipients will continue to receive \$297.00 monthly for Room and Board and \$40.00 for Personal Allowance.

ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ONLY:

Not-for-profit housing agencies and local housing authorities own the homes developed or purchased under the Community Integration Project (CIP) for the former residents of Fairview. Each year SPD allocates allowable rent amounts these owners may charge within the room and board category of the residents' unearned income. As of January 1, 2004 the allowable rental amount for the calendar year 2004 will be \$169.92.

Recipients with Railroad Retirement Benefits and Veterans' Benefits may also receive an increase. They must notify their SPD Disability Services Office of an increase as soon as they are notified of their new benefit amount.

ADULTS AND CHILDREN GENERALLY:

If recipients of SSB, Railroad Retirement, Veterans' Benefits, or other non-SSI sources of unearned income receive an increase greater than \$7.00, OMHAS and SPD may apply any balance remaining, after Room and Board, personal Allowance and other disregards are deducted, toward their service payment.

Please note that both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which administers Medicaid, and the Social Security Administration have set the allowable resource limit at \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple. If a recipient has more resources than this

limit, she or he may lose medical eligibility and may be held responsible for the full service payment.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact your DD Regional Coordinator .

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	DD Regional Coordinator		
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