

**Aging and People with Disabilities**

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**Topic:** Developmental Disabilities

**Subject:** DD 56 Rent Subsidy

**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 type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): CRUM, DIU, DD Providers |

**Message:** As of January 1, 2013 the Social Security Administration implemented a 1.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Social Security recipients. The full SSI standard (known as the Federal Benefit Rate or FBR) for one person will increase from \$698 to \$710 per month. Out of this \$710 the amount allowable for room & board is 552.70 (the remainder is PIF). Of the 552.70 the amount for food is now 169.34. The difference between room & board and food determines the amount allowable for rent from SSI. This amount is 383.36. This will be the new amount for the allowable rent from SSI to be used on the DD 56 Rent Subsidy Budget worksheet in order to calculate the monthly rate for DD 56 Rent Subsidy (DD 56). New DD 56 rates will be effective February 1, 2013.

All providers of DD 56 will receive a new Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheet template (with the above change) along with instructions of how to fill out this form in the next week from Kristy DiMatteo that must be completed and submitted to her by January 31, 2013. Only sites currently receiving DD 56 must complete this form.

Once received, the Rent Subsidy Budget worksheets will be analyzed to determine a new DD 56 monthly rate. With the changes to the allowable rent for SSI increasing, all DD 56 monthly rates will be decreasing. No increases to DD 56 will be given. Changes to the monthly rate will go in to effect February 1, 2013. Providers will be notified of the new DD 56 monthly rate for each client/site via email.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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