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Topic: Long Term Care

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
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Policy/rule title:	Nursing Facility PIF Increase		
Policy/rule number(s):	461-155-0250, 461-160-0620	Release no:	
Effective date:	07/01/2014	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/interpretation: The following changes become effective 07/01/2014 for the OSIPM (except OSIPM-EPD) program:

- The Personal Incidental Fund (PIF) deduction for an individual in a nursing facility will be increased from \$30 to \$60 (this does not apply to individuals with VA Aid & Attendance (UME) of \$90). For individuals with a liability this will reduce or end their liability.
- Individuals who **are not** receiving SSI and who have less than \$60 countable income will receive a monthly payment equal to the difference between the individual's countable income and \$60 (this also does not apply to individuals with UME of \$90). The maximum payment will be \$60.
 - Example: Income = \$0. Payment = \$60.

- Example: SSDI income = \$50. Payment = \$10.
- Example: SSDI income = \$110. Payment = \$0.
- Individuals who **are** receiving SSI will receive a monthly payment based on the income the individual is expected to receive after SSA reduces their SSI income. The payment will be determined as follows:
 - Individuals with SSI as their **only** source of income will receive a \$30 payment.
 - Example:
 - (SSI not yet reduced by SSA): SSI = \$721. Payment = \$30.
 - (SSI reduced by SSA): SSI = \$30. Payment = \$30.
 - Individuals with SSI **and** other income will receive a payment taking into account the \$20 SSA income exclusion (SSA continues to disregard \$20 of income when determining SSI payments for individuals in nursing facilities).
 - Example:
 - (SSI not yet reduced by SSA): SSDI = \$25, SSI = \$716. Payment = \$10.
 - (SSI reduced by SSA): SSDI = \$25, SSI = \$25. Payment = \$10.
 - Example:
 - (SSI not yet reduced by SSA): SSDI = \$50, SSI = \$691. Payment = \$10.
 - (SSI reduced by SSA): SSDI = \$50, SSI = \$0. Payment = \$10 (same example above for an individual who does not receive any SSI).

Note: There will be no proration of payments for partial months. An individual with an NFC case descriptor for any part of the month is eligible for the full amount of the calculated payment for the month.

Implementation/transition instructions:

For individuals with a liability:

- Send an updated SDS 0458A/0458AN/0458P to the individual/provider reflecting the new liability amount. This needs to be completed so that the individual/provider receives the form by June 30th. The 458AN will be updated to reflect the increased PIF effective June 5th. If a 458 is required for June liability on or after June 5th, staff should use the 458A on the forms server (since it is manual entry) to calculate the June liability using the \$30 PIF. No other action is required. CM and MMIS will be updated to reflect correct liability information during end-of-month processing.

For individuals eligible for a cash payment:

- The system will automatically determine the payment amount (see above under Discussion/Interpretation for determining the payment amount) during end-of month processing for the following month if the CM case has an NFC case descriptor at CM cut-off.
 - There will be no automatic payments for the first month of NFC placement (the first month that an NFC case descriptor is added to CM).
 - Issue these payments via the 437 Process using pay reason 14 (Nursing Facility PIF). OA has been updated with the new pay reason code. See above under **Discussion/Interpretation** for determining the payment amount.
 - As noted above:
 - Individuals eligible for the payment will receive the full amount of the payment (no proration for partial months).
 - Individuals with SSI income will receive a payment based on the income the individual is expected to receive after SSA reduces their SSI.
 - No retroactive payments will be issued via CM. These payments will need to be issued via the 437 process.
- When approving this payment send the SDS 0541 indicating the payment level. Initial and ongoing months should be the same amount in the Cash Benefits section.
- Send an updated SDS 0458A/0458AN/0458P to the individual/provider if the individual will no longer have a liability due to the increased PIF amount.
- Prior to ending payments a timely continuing benefit decision notice is required.

Training/communication plan: Review transmittal with staff. Contact central office for technical assistance.

Local/branch action required: Begin determining payment/liability based on the new policy effective 07/01/2014.

Central office action required: Central office will provide a listing of all cases with an NFC case descriptor to branch offices.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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