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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INCOME
MAINTENANCE FAMILY INCOME MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS**

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FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

RE: NEW POLICIES IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ADULTS (PAA)

PROGRAM AFFECTED: PAA

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OPA/ DIVISION OF PROGRAM POLICY AND
REGULATION**

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this Information Memo is to inform staff of changes in PAA policy to achieve compliance with TCA, MA and TEMHA policy. Also, the current PAA payment levels are presented below for your information.

CURRENT PAYMENT LEVELS:

The standard for personal and incidental needs is \$82 for a person receiving public assistance for Domiciliary Care, CARE Homes care, or DHMH Rehabilitative Residence care.

For care in licensed domiciliary care facilities the monthly maximum amount is \$552 and the per diem maximum is \$18.14.

Current allowable amounts for Project Home Certified Adult Residential Environment (CARE) homes are:

<u>LEVEL A</u> (Minimal Supervision, Assistance and Personal Care)	Monthly maximum \$434	Per Diem Maximum \$14.27
<u>LEVEL B</u> (Moderate Supervision, Assistance and Personal Care)	543	17.85
<u>LEVEL C</u> (Extensive Supervision, Assistance and Personal Care)	831	27.32
<u>LEVEL D</u> (Specialized and Intensive Supervision, Assistance and Personal Care)	1034	33.99

CHANGES TO POLICY:

A. Domiciliary Care recipients may be gainfully employed. This change makes the treatment of Project Home, Domiciliary Care and Rehabilitative Residence recipients consistent.

B. Irrevocable burial contracts are now disregarded.

C. Resources resulting from payments under Title I, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and Title II of Public Law 100-383, the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act, are disregarded. This policy for PAA is consistent with TCA and TEMHA.

D. Resources paid from Agent Orange Settlement Funds are now disregarded. This change makes PAA consistent with TCA and TEMHA.

E. The earned income disregard now extends to domiciliary care recipients since they can now be employed. A disregard of \$85 plus one-half of the remaining earned income in any month is deducted from the total earned income of a person who has no unearned income. A disregard of \$20 from the unearned income, in addition to a disregard of \$65 plus one-half of the remaining earned income is deducted from the total earned and unearned income of a person who has both types of income in any month. This change makes the treatment of Project Home, Domiciliary Care and Rehabilitative Residence recipients consistent.

F. Training allowances from all sources, not only JTPA, are now disregarded. This makes PAA policy consistent with TCA and TEMHA.

G. Income resulting from payments under Title I or Title II of Public Law 100-383, that is, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act, is disregarded. This change makes PAA policy consistent with TCA and TEMHA.

H. A vehicle may now be retained by persons in domiciliary care as well Rehabilitative Residence and Project Home recipients.

I. Policy now specifically states that the personal needs allowance may not be used for the cost of care.

J. The value of the food stamp benefit amount under the Food Stamp program is disregarded.

ACTION

Local departments should ensure that these changes in PAA policy are in effect immediately.

If you have questions, please contact Sue Woolford at (410) 767-7190.