

## Increases in Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) Amounts Across Residential Settings in VT

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	2001	As of 2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
<b>Nursing Home</b>	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	47.66	30 Fed/17.66 State
<b>Residential Care Home / Assisted Living Residence</b>	47.66	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	65.00	73.00	73.00	74.00	82.00	93.00	
<b>AFC Home</b> Adult Family Care Home	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	115.00	115.00	124.00	124.00	125.00	133.00	144.00	
<b>Developmental Home</b> Developmental Disabilities Waiver	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	115.00	115.00	124.00	124.00	125.00	133.00	144.00	
<b>TBI</b> Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	95.00	95.00	108.00	108.00	109.00	133.00	144.00	

**For 2019 there was a 2.6% increase to everyone’s social security and SSI checks.** Those individuals living in Residential Care, Assisted Living, AFC, Developmental and TBI homes were allowed to keep \$11.00 of the \$21.00 increase in SSI checks to add to their PNA amount. Nursing Home residents were not. For Nursing Home residents, the increase is paid to the nursing home.

**Residential Care Homes /Assisted Living Residences:** Individuals live in licensed homes that range in size and services provided. The individual pays a room and board rate which includes the provision of some medical care. Low income residents may apply for ACCS (Assistive Community Care Services) under Medicaid that provides an additional payment to the RCH/ALR for the medical portion of the care provided. In addition to the items residents buy out of their PNA money in nursing homes, residents of RCHs/ALRs (in most cases) must purchase toiletries (shampoo, soap, shaving supplies, deodorants, powder, lotion, toothpaste/brush, tissues, etc.). Residents pay their own medication co-pays. Residents pay for transportation exceeding the allowed 4 trips per month.

**AFC Homes, or Adult Family Care Homes,** are for individuals in the highest or high needs categories of Choices for Care who do not have a home of their own to return to. Most have physical disabilities and meet the nursing home level of care criteria but choose to live in a home in the community rather than in a nursing facility. They pay room and board to the home providers from their SSI check and the remainder becomes the PNA. These are un-licensed homes that are supervised by authorized agencies. Residents have to pay for the same items as in RCH/ALR.

**Developmental Homes (aka Shared Living Homes)** are essentially the same as Adult Family Homes but are limited to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities; they are supervised by the designated mental health agencies and the specialized services agencies. These folks also pay room and board to the home provider from their SSI checks. Like AFC Homes, no more than two individuals who are not related to the home provider may live in SLHs. DD Homes are the dominant support option for individuals with intellectual disabilities, especially since the closing of Brandon Training School.