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AGING PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: 2014 DOMICILIARY CARE PAYMENT TO PROVIDER

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Aging Program Directive is to set forth policy and procedure regarding the dollar amount that Domiciliary Care consumers shall pay to their home provider monthly, and the amount to be retained by the consumer, as a personal needs allowance.

BACKGROUND: For calendar year 2014, the total monthly SSI benefit for Domiciliary Care consumers receiving SSI will be increased by \$11.00 from \$1144.30 to \$1155.30 for an individual, and will increase by \$16.00 from \$2,013.40 to \$2,029.40 for a couple. This latest SSI increase is a result of the Federal Cost of Living Adjustment (1.5%) that becomes effective January 1, 2014.

Per regulation PA Code Title 6 Aging, Chapter 21, Section 21.41(6), the Department of Aging is responsible for determining the monthly dollar amount that consumers will pay to Domiciliary Care home providers. To eliminate a bias for private pay consumers by providers, private pay consumers, regardless of income or resources, pay the same monthly rate

as do the consumers who are SSI recipients. The difference between what the consumer receives and the amount he or she pays the provider is the consumer's personal needs allowance.

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The Department has determined that the \$11.00 increase for an individual be split between the provider and the consumer. The provider will receive a \$6.00 increase and the consumer will receive a \$5.00 increase. For couples, the \$16.00 monthly increase will also be split between the provider and consumer. The provider will receive a \$2.00 increase and the consumer couple will receive a \$14.00 increase.

Effective January 1, 2014, Domiciliary Care consumers will pay their provider \$970.00 per month with the balance of at least \$185.30 retained by the consumer as a personal needs allowance. Domiciliary Care couples will pay their provider \$1,708.00 per month and retain at least \$321.40 as their personal needs allowance.

Complete a new Consumer/Provider Agreement effective January 1, 2014. Enter the monthly amount of \$970.00 for an individual and \$1,708.00 for a couple. These amounts are to be used for all Dom Care Consumer/Provider Agreements that are effective on or after January 1, 2014.

If and when a change in either Federal SSI payments or State Supplement Domiciliary Care payment occurs, the above amounts will be revised.