



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5300

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The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS' PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall provide a state supplement payment for
5 recipients of Medicaid and the federal Supplemental Security Income
6 Program who reside in long-term care facilities sufficient to increase
7 their personal needs allowance to seventy-five dollars per month. On
8 July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase
9 such state supplement payment over that of the previous fiscal year by
10 an amount sufficient to increase such personal needs allowance by an
11 amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the annual cost-of-living
12 adjustment in the federal Supplemental Security Income Program, if
13 any. Such state supplement payment shall be made to the long-term care

14 facility to be deposited into the personal fund account of each such
 15 recipient. For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term care facility"
 16 means a licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, a chronic
 17 disease hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an intermediate
 18 care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or a state
 19 humane institution.

20 Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 The Commissioner of Social Services shall permit patients residing in
 23 nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals and state humane institutions
 24 who are medical assistance recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262,
 25 inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361,
 26 inclusive, to have a monthly personal fund allowance of seventy-five
 27 dollars, adjusted annually on and after July 1, 2026, in accordance with
 28 section 17b-106, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-272

AGE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	600,000	1,200,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of approximately \$600,000 in FY 27 and \$1.2 million in FY 28 due to increasing the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA). The bill requires DSS to annually increase the PNA by an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program. This is anticipated to increase the PNA by approximately \$7 per month in FY 27 with a similar monthly increase in FY 28.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to COLA adjustments to SSI.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to annually increase the personal needs allowance (PNA) for Medicaid recipients living in long-term care facilities. Specifically, starting July 1, 2026, the commissioner must annually increase the amount by 25% of any annual cost of living adjustment in the federal Supplemental Security Income Program. Under current law, the PNA is set at \$75 per month. Covered facilities include nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and state humane institutions.

Residents of these facilities who receive Medicaid apply their monthly income (e.g., Social Security) towards the cost of their care. But federal law allows them to keep a portion of this income (the PNA) to pay for incidental items, such as haircuts, telephone expenses, and newspapers, or for hobbies. Facilities deposit the PNA into residents' personal fund accounts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)