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AGING PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: **2010 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 2010, the total monthly SSI benefit for Domiciliary Care consumers receiving SSI will be continue to be $1108.30 for an individual and $1,958.40 for a couple. The Social Security Administration determined that that there will not be a Federal Cost of Living Adjustment for 2010.

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.

CONTENT: Effective January 1, 2010, Domiciliary Care consumers shall continue to pay their provider $936.00 per month with the balance of at least $172.30 retained by the consumer as a personal needs allowance. In the case of a couple who are Domiciliary Care consumers together, $1,664.00 per month will be paid to the provider with the balance of at least $294.40 retained by the couple as their personal needs allowance.

In completing the Consumer/Provider Agreement, which is the document signed by both the consumer and provider indicating their respective responsibilities, the amount of $936.00 for an individual and $1,664.00 for a couple shall be entered in the blank space of the agreement for the monthly rate.

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