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Regarding: General Relief Assisted Living Home rate increase

To: General Relief Assisted Living Home Administrators

From: John Lee, Director, Senior and Disabilities Services

The most recent budget for the General Relief Assisted Living Home Program was signed by Governor Dunleavy on 6/28/22. This budget contains an increase to the daily rate for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living from \$70 per day to \$104.30 to reflect Alaska's inflation rate (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska) since the rate was last set on July 1, 2002.

Senior and Disabilities Services appreciates this increase and seeks to implement the rate increase immediately. Therefore, the Division will begin payments in excess of the minimum daily reimbursement rate set in 7 AAC 47.470. General Relief Assisted Living Home providers will see this increase reflected in payments for services provided beginning July 1, 2022. Providers interested in providing General Relief Care in an Assisted Living Home services must have an active provider agreement in place before they begin providing General Relief services. Invoices for services provided in July 2022 will follow the regular invoice submission process and be eligible for submission and payment beginning August 2022. The rate increase will follow the same adjustment for regional differences as the rates described in the existing regulations.

GR daily rates as of July 1, 2022:

Anchorage:	\$104.30
Southeast:	\$104.30
Southcentral, not including Anchorage:	\$108.47
Interior:	\$119.95
Southwest:	\$138.72
Northwest:	\$143.93

While the Department is implementing increased payments above the minimum rate immediately in line with the legislative intent, the Department is also working to draft and adopt regulations to make changes to minimum rates and other aspects of the General Relief Assisted Living Home program. The Department will begin work to update the regulations later this year. As always, when regulations are updated, there will be an opportunity to provide public comment.

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Therefore, although the rate increase will go into effect for General Relief Assisted Living Home services provided from July 1, 2022, the existing regulations continue to be in effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Lee
Director