

STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Department for Children and Families

BULLETIN NO.: 19-16

FROM: Sean Brown, Deputy Commissioner
Economic Services Division

DATE: 12/23/19

SUBJECT: Essential Persons Procedures

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 1/1/20

INSTRUCTIONS

- Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**
- Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: _____**
- Information or Instructions - Retain Until _____**

MANUAL REFERENCE(S):

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This bulletin revises standards for the Essential Person program as well as SSI/AABD payment maximums based on the federal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2020.

Of note, the AABD portion for individuals on Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid residing in a nursing home has increased by \$25 per individual. This change is a result of Act 72 of 2019 legislative session and is meant to increase the quality of life for nursing home residents on LTC Medicaid by allowing them to retain more of their income to cover their personal needs costs.

Annual standards changes for health care programs can be found at greenmountaincare.org. Should you have questions, please contact 1-800-250-8427.

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P-2740 Payment Maximums

A. SSI/AABD Payment Maximums (2700)

Living Arrangement		<u>Effective 1/1/20</u>			<u>Effective 1/1/19 – 12/31/19</u>		
		<i>SSI Share</i>	<i>AABD Share</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>SSI Share</i>	<i>AABD Share</i>	<i>Total</i>
Independent Living	Individual	783.00	52.04	835.04	771.00	52.04	823.04
	Couple	1,175.00	98.88	1,273.88	1,157.00	98.88	1,255.88
Another's Household	Individual	522.00	39.30	561.30	514.00	39.30	553.30
	Couple	783.34	48.31	831.65	771.34	48.31	819.65
Residential Care Home w/ Assistive Community Care Level III	Individual	783.00	48.38	831.38	771.00	48.38	819.38
	Couple	1,175.00	96.77	1,271.77	1,157.00	96.77	1,253.77
Residential Care Home w/ Limited Nursing Care Level III	Individual	783.00	267.13	1,050.13	771.00	267.13	1,038.13
	Couple	1,175.00	603.69	1,778.69	1,157.00	603.69	1,760.69
Residential Care Home Level IV	Individual	783.00	223.94	1006.94	771.00	223.94	994.94
	Couple	1,175.00	562.06	1,737.06	1,157.00	562.06	1,719.06
Custodial Care Family Home	Individual	783.00	98.69	881.69	771.00	98.69	869.69
	Couple	1,175.00	332.82	1,507.82	1,157.00	332.82	1,489.82
Long-term Care	Individual	30.00	42.66	72.66	30.00	17.66	47.66
	Couple	60.00	85.33	145.33	60.00	35.33	95.33

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P-2740 Payment Maximums (Continued)

B. AABD-EP Payment Maximums (2754)

100 Percent Payment Maximum

	<u>Effective 1/1/20</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/19 – 12/31/19</u>
Independent living with essential person		
Individual	1,273.88	1,255.88
Couple	1,445.69	1,427.69
Living in another's household with ineligible spouse	835.04	823.04

67 Percent Payment Maximum

	<u>Effective 1/1/20</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/19 – 12/31/19</u>
Independent living with essential person		
Individual	1,129.06	1,113.04
Couple	1,388.99	1,370.99
Living in another's household with ineligible spouse	744.71	734.03

34 Percent Payment Maximum

	<u>Effective 1/1/20</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/19 – 12/31/19</u>
Independent living with essential person		
Individual	984.25	970.21
Couple	1,332.30	1,314.30
Living in another's household with ineligible spouse	654.37	645.01