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Dear RSS Enrollee,

You are receiving this letter because you are enrolled in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services' (OhioMHAS') Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program. Individuals combine RSS with their income to pay the monthly Allowable Fee (or "rent") to live in the community. **Beginning January 1, 2016, individual RSS payments will change to reflect rate increases for Allowable Fees and Personal Needs Allowances.** The increases will align with rule changes recently made by OhioMHAS and Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) regarding RSS program eligibility and operations.

Please see the table below for information about the differences between the current rates and changes effective January 1st:

Current Rates	January, 2016 Rates
<i>Allowable Fees</i> (per Living Arrangement Type)	<i>Allowable Fees</i> (per Living Arrangement Type)
Adult Foster and Family Homes \$774	Adult Foster and Family Homes \$1,100
Adult Group Homes \$877	Adult Group Homes \$1,100
Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living \$877	Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living \$1,100
<i>Personal Needs Allowance</i> (per Income Type)	<i>Personal Needs Allowance</i> (per Income Type)
SSI \$635	SSI \$200
Social Security and SSDI \$70	Social Security and SSDI \$200

The Allowable Fee is what you pay monthly to your facility operator for providing accommodations, supervision, and personal care services. Effective January 1, 2016, operators of all living arrangements providing housing to individuals enrolled in RSS may charge up to \$1,100 per month. These rate increases are intended to support increased quality of care and operators should continue to accept the Allowable Fee as payment in full for required services. Please be aware that any changes to the Allowable Fee should be updated in the Resident Agreement between you and the home operator. Any fees charged for additional services should continue to be listed in the Resident Agreement and agreed to in writing by you or your legal guardian.

You will also notice a change in the amount of remaining funds for your Personal Needs Allowance beginning in January. There have been significant differences in individuals' Personal Needs Allowance rates



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depending upon income types and disregards, such as SSI recipients having approximately \$635 remaining for personal needs after paying the monthly allowable fee, while Social Security and SSDI recipients have approximately \$70. Effective January 1, 2016, the Personal Needs Allowance for all RSS enrollees will change to \$200 regardless of income type.

You will see changes in your RSS benefits beginning with your January payment sent by your local County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) office and you should also receive a Notice of Action explaining changes to your RSS benefits. If you have specific questions about your RSS benefits, please contact Deena Mavromatis at deena.mavromatis@mha.ohio.gov or (614) 752-9316. General information about RSS is available on the program's webpage at www.mha.ohio.gov/RSS. Please note that OhioMHAS will also send letters about the RSS changes to licensed home operators, local boards, CDJFS offices, and other interested parties. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Community Transitions Administrator

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