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Proposed language for amendments to 55 Pa. Code Sections 6100.681 - .694 - Room and Board for review by the General Regulations Amendment Workgroup. Information contained in this document is predecisional. For workgroup members who miss a meeting, you may submit suggestions or comments to RA-PWODP6100REGS@pa.gov.

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Code Section/Title	New or Amendment	Recommended New or Revised Language	Reason for Change
55 Pa. Code Sec. 6100.682- Room and Board- Assistance to the Individual	Amendment	(a) ~~If an individual is not currently receiving SSI benefits,~~ The provider shall provide assistance to the individual to apply for and maintain continued eligibility for SSI. ~~contact the appropriate county assistance office.~~ (b) If an individual is denied SSI ~~benefits~~, the provider shall assist the individual in filing an appeal. ~~(c) The provider shall assist the individual to secure information regarding the continued eligibility of SSI for the individual.~~ ~~(cd)~~ The provider shall keep documentation of the individual's application for information related to the individual's SSI benefits as outlined, the SSI eligibility determination and, if applicable, the appeal filed under subsections (a) and (b).	These changes strengthen regulatory language and clarify that providers have a duty to assist individuals in applying and maintaining eligibility for SSI.

55 Pa. Code Sec. 6100.684- Room and Board- Actual provider room and board cost	Amendment	(b) The provider shall ~~compute~~calculate and document actual provider room and board costs each time an individual signs a new room and board residency agreement. (c) The provider shall keep documentation of actual provider room and board costs. (d) The following items are included as room and board costs: (i) Toiletries used to meet basic personal care and hygiene needs. (ii) ~~Standard toiletries,~~ towels and bedding. (iii) ~~One telephone with local telephone service.~~ One telephone with a single dedicated number specific to the home which is accessible to all individuals residing in the home at any time.	These changes provide necessary clarifications within the regulatory language regarding allowable room and board costs.
55 Pa. Code Sec. 6100.684- Room and Board- Actual provider room and board cost	Amendment	(iv~~ii~~) Internet service. (i~~v~~) Cleaning products. (vi) Household furniture. (vii) Food choices of the individual, with consideration of the food cost and nutrition, including the individual's preference, culture, religion and beliefs, and an individual's prescribed diet, if the prescribed diet is not covered by the individual's health care plan or another funding source. (viii) Laundry of towels, bedding and the individual's clothing.	

		(~~ixviii~~) Lawn care, food preparation, maintenance and housekeeping, including staff wages and benefits, to perform these tasks. (ix) Meals provided away from the residential service location that are arranged by a staff person in lieu of meals provided in the residential service location. (xi) Incontinence products, if the incontinence product is not covered by the individual's health care plan or another funding source. (xii) Building and equipment repair, renovation and depreciation. (xiii) Rent, taxes, utilities and property insurance.	
55 Pa. Code Sec. 6100.686- Room and Board- Room and board rate	Amendment	(a) If the actual provider room and board cost as specified in § 6100.684 (relating to actual provider room and board cost), less any benefits as specified in § 6100.685 (relating to benefits), is more than 72% of the SSI maximum rate plus the Pennsylvania supplement, the following criteria shall be used to establish the room and board rate: (1) An individual's share of room and board may not exceed 72% of the SSI maximum rate plus the Pennsylvania supplement. (2) The proration of board costs shall occur after an individual is on leave from the residence for a consecutive period of 8 days or more. The proration of board begins on the 8th day of leave. ~~of 8 days or more.~~ This proration may occur monthly, quarterly or semiannually as long as there is a record of the board costs that were returned to the individual.	These changes provide necessary clarifications within the regulatory language regarding the need to prorate costs during a period where an individual is on leave from a residence.

55 Pa. Code Sec. 6100.691- Room and Board- Hospitalization	Amendment	There may not be a charge for room and board to the individual beginning on the 31st day after 30 consecutive days of being in a hospital or rehabilitation facility, ~~and the individual is considered in reserved capacity.~~	This change provides necessary clarifications within the regulatory language regarding when providers may not charge room and board when an individual is hospitalized.