

## Memo

**To:** Community Mental Health Program Directors, Licensed Mental Health Residential Programs

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**Subject:** 2026 Increase for Room and Board & Personal Incidental Funds

Effective January 1, 2026, the Oregon Health Authority will implement a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), as shown in the table below.

The COLA applies to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Benefit (SSB), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) recipients living in mental health residential programs.

		SSI	SSI/SSDI	Non-benefit eligible
<b>Room and Board</b>	\$	773	\$ 773	\$ 773
<b>Personal Incidental Funds</b>	\$	221	\$ 221	\$ 221
<b>Total</b>	\$	994	\$ 994	\$ 994

### Why is this happening?

The Social Security Administration implemented a [2.8 percent COLA for Social Security recipients](#), effective January 1, 2026.

- The COLA affects Social Security payments under Title XI and Title XVI of the Social Security Act.
- The full SSI standard (known as the Federal Benefit Rate) for one person will increase to \$994.

### What should you do?

Please give written notice of this rate increase to SSI, SSB and SSDI recipients who receive mental health residential services through your programs.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this information, contact Beth Branscome, Non-OHP Operations & Contract Analyst via email [Elizabeth.Branscome@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Branscome@oha.oregon.gov), OHA - BHD

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