

Personal Needs Allowance for Individuals Living in Long-Term Care Facilities, Including Community Care Homes

What Amount Should an Individual Receive?

Act 96, SLH 2007, established the personal needs allowance as \$50 per month.

Who is Eligible?

All individuals receiving Social Security payments and living in:

- Adult residential care homes Type I and Type II (HRS 321-15.6)
- Licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes (HRS 321-15.9)
- Community care foster family homes (HRS 346-331)
- Certified adult foster homes (HRS 321-11.2)
- Domiciliary care (HRS 346-1)
- Nursing facilities (HRS 346E-1)

How is the Payment Made?

The payment is part of the resident's Social Security check.

How Can the Payment be Used?

The payment is for clothing and other personal miscellaneous needs such as bus fare, personal postage and haircuts.

What Happens If the Facility Operator Receives the Payment?

Homes are required by licensing and certification rules to keep a written account of personal funds received and expended on the client's behalf.

What If the Facility Does Not Spend the Funds for a Client's Personal Needs?

Under State law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 346, Part X, financial exploitation is a form of abuse and includes the wrongful taking, withholding or appropriation of a vulnerable adult's money.

How Can I Report Abuse?

Adult Protective Services at the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services can be reached by calling:

- Oahu: (808) 832-5115
- Kauai: (808) 241-3337
- Maui/Molokai/Lanai: (808) 243-5151
- East Hawaii (Hilo/Hamakua/Puna): (808) 933-8820
- West Hawaii (Kau/Kona/Kohala/Kamuela): (808) 327-6280