

Prescription co-pay coverage (461-155-0688): An individual must have SSI as their only income and pay at least \$10 per month or more for prescription co-pays. The CMS need code is PCC and the special cash pay code is 3C.

Transportation Services Payment (461-155-0693): An individual must have SSI as their only income or income below \$675.70 and a cost for transportation services that is not covered by another source (such as the medical card or waived service plan). These payments are for transportation services to non-medical activities.

Transportation services do not include purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance or repair, reimbursement for travel expenses or mileage, or transportation services that may be obtained through other means. The maximum payment is \$25 per month. The CMS need code is TSP and the special cash pay code is 3B.

Because of the additional impact on a client who receives one of the AB SIP amounts, these clients's will initially be assumed to meet the eligibility requirements for a Transportation Services Payment. Please see below under AB cases for the special procedure for these cases.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

- AD/OAA cases:
 - Closure notices will be automatically sent on November 23, 2009. See the attached for the notice text.
 - CMS (changes will be completed automatically):
 - SIP codes will be changed to \$0.00.
 - NCP case descriptor will be added.
 - Program codes will be changed to D4 and A1 for all clients who **do not** have other cash payments (needs).
 - FSMIS: Cases with an OTH or GNT amount of \$1.70 will be automatically removed. If the SIP payment is combined with another payment (e.g., a special need), the OTH or GNT amount will need to be manually reduced at the next review or change.
- AB cases:
 - Reduction notices will be automatically sent on November 23, 2009. See the attached for the notice text.
 - CMS (changes will be completed automatically):
 - SIP codes will be reduced 0.00.
 - The TSP code will be added. The TSP amount will be equal to the client's previous SIP amount minus \$1.70. The TSP code will be valid until the next redetermination.
 - FSMIS:
 - Central office is determining the best way to adjust the cases with an OTH or GNT amount of \$26.70, \$25.60, \$18.70, \$17.60. A transmittal will be sent to inform staff how the FMIS coding will be handled.

- **At all AB redeterminations in 2010 the TSP must be reviewed:**
 - Staff should conduct outreach to all AB clients and inquire about potential eligibility for one of the new or current special needs payments:
 - If not eligible for a special need, send a closure or reduction notice and remove the TSP amount from CM and FSMIS.
 - If eligible for a special need, send an approval notice if the payment increases or a reduction notice if the payment decreases.
 - A list of all AB clients due for review in the next month will be distributed at the monthly SPD Program Managers meeting.

Verification is required for PCC. Verification is required for TSP. Verification should to be done prior to approval, at redetermination or when questionable. **Once the costs for the new special needs have been verified, both the prescription co-pay coverage payment and the transportation services payment are considered reimbursements and not counted for SNAP.** For information on counting OSIP special needs as income, see [461-145-0410\(5\)\(c\)\(D\)](#).

Payments that were coded as a SIP for SSI couples who both reside in a CBC facility and need funds to cover their room and board and personal incidentals will continue and be coded as **SFA** (see the attached 461-155-0630(4)). Central office will manually convert these payments to a need type SFA. The special cash pay code for SFA is 3A.

The SIP code will still exist and be a necessary code, but it must always be \$0.00

At this time there will be no change to the standards used for eligibility determination or determination of liability (see attached 461-155-0250 and 461-155-0270).

The 512 will be updated with the regular end of year run.

Notices have been translated into most needed languages and all alternate formats. Field offices will receive a fax with the list of oral presentation clients.

Training/Communication Plan: Review transmittal with staff. Contact central office for technical assistance.

Local/Branch Action Required: AB cases must be updated at redetermination or other change.

Central Office Action Required:

CMS:

- Conversion of OAA/AD SIP cases to 0.00.

- Conversion of couple facility allowance SIP cases to SFA.
- Conversion of AB SIP to TSP. Amount will be reduced by \$1.70. SIP will be 0.00.

FSMIS: Send a follow-up transmittal with further information on conversion.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: SPD Policy Committee, SPD Operations Committee

Filing Instructions: N/A

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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461-125-0310

Basis of Need; ~~OSIP~~, OSIPM

In the ~~OSIP and OSIPM programs~~ **program**, an individual must be one of the following:

- (1) Blind (see OAR 461-125-0330) at any age (AB).
- (2) Age 65 or over (see OAR 461-125-0350) (OAA).
- (3) An individual with a disability (see OAR 461-125-0370) (AD). ~~A child (see OAR 461-001-0000) with a disability is not eligible for the \$1.70 SIP payment (see OAR 461-155-0250(4)).~~

Stat. Auth. ORS 411.060, 411.070, 414.042

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.070, 414.042

461-155-0250

Income and Payment Standard; OSIP, OSIPM

THIS RULE WILL BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE 2010 COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- (1) ~~For an OSIP (except OSIP-EPD) or OSIPM (except OSIPM-EPD) client in long term care or in a waived *nonstandard living arrangement* (see OAR 461-001-0000), the countable income limit standard is 300 percent of the full SSI standard for a single individual. Other OSIP and OSIPM clients do not have a countable income limit.~~

A client who is assumed eligible per OAR 461-135-0010 (7) is presumed to meet the income limits for the OSIPM program.

- (2) **A client in a *nonstandard living arrangement* (see OAR 461-001-0000) must have countable income that is equal to or less than 300 percent of the full SSI standard for a single individual (except OSIPM-EPD).**
- (23) ~~The non-SSI OSIP and OSIPM (except OSIP-EPD and OSIPM-EPD) adjusted income standard takes into consideration the need for shelter (housing and utilities), food, and other items. The standard is itemized as follows:~~

Non-SSI OSIP and OSIPM Standards				
Items of Need				
	One Person in Need Group		Two People in Need Group	
Adjusted No. in Household	One	Two or More	Two	Three or More
Shelter	415.00	193.00	513.00	190.00
Food	163.70	161.03	312.00	298.00
Other	97.00	97.00	186.00	186.00

- (34) ~~The standard in this section is used as the adjusted income limit for non-SSI OSIP (except OSIP-EPD) and OSIPM (except OSIPM-EPD) clients. The OSIP-AB and OSIPM-AB adjusted income standard includes a transportation allowance. See OAR 461-155-0020 for the adjusted number in the household. The total standard is:~~

A client, other than one identified in section (1), (2), or (6) of this rule, must have an adjusted income below the standard in this section. The Department determines the adjusted number in the household under OAR 461-155-0020.

Non-SSI OSIP and OSIPM		
Adjusted Income Standards		
	One Person in Need Group	Two People in Need Group

Adjusted No. in Household	One	Two or More	Two	Three or More
AD/OAA	675.70	451.03	1,011.00	674.00
AB	700.70	476.03	1,036.00	699.00

~~(4) To be eligible for OSIP (except OSIP-EPD or OSIP-IC), a person must be receiving SSI or be eligible for an ongoing special need. The payment standard for SSI/OSIP clients living in the community is the SIP (supplemental income payment) amount. The SIP is a need amount added to any other special or service needs to determine the actual payment. In some cases, the need amount is zero.~~

~~(a) For clients whose unearned income minus any SSI or Veterans Nonservice-Connected Disability Benefits is less than \$20:~~

SSI OSIP and OSIPM Payment Standard (Unearned Income Less Than \$20)		
No. in Need Group	AD/OAA	AB
	SIP (need)	SIP (need)
1	1.70	26.70
2	0.00	25.60

~~(b) For clients whose unearned income minus any SSI or Veterans Nonservice-Connected Disability Benefits is \$20 or more:~~

SSI OSIP and OSIPM Payment Standard (Unearned Income \$20 or More)		
No. in Need Group	AD/OAA	AB
	SIP (need)	SIP (need)
1	0.00	18.70
2	0.00	17.60

~~(c) The SSI OSIP AB standard includes a transportation allowance. The standard for two assumes one individual is blind and the other is not. If both are blind, \$20 is added to the SIP amount.~~

~~(d) For spouses who each receive SSI and receive services in an AFC, ALF or RCF, an amount is added to each person's SIP payment that equals the difference between the individual's income (including SSI and other income) and the OSIP standard for a one-person need group.~~

~~(e) When one or both spouses receive SSI and are not included in subsection (d) of this section, the two person need group is used to determine the SIP amount. This~~

~~amount is used even if one (or both) of the individuals is receiving services and has a need group of one according to OAR 461-110-0630.~~

- (5) In the ~~OSIP and OSIPM programs~~ **program**, individuals in a nursing facility or an ICF-MR are allowed the following amounts for clothing and personal incidentals:
- (a) For clients who receive a VA pension based on unreimbursed medical expenses (UME), \$90 is allowed.
 - (b) For all other clients, \$30 is allowed.
- (6) In the ~~OSIP-EPD and OSIPM-EPD programs~~ **program**, the adjusted earned income limit is 250 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of one.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 411.060, 411.070

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.070

461-155-0270

Room and Board and Personal Needs Standards for Waivered NSLA; ~~OSIP~~, OSIPM

For ~~all OSIP and~~ OSIPM cases in a waived *nonstandard living arrangement* (see OAR 461-001-0000), the maintenance standard includes the room and board and personal needs standards:

(1) Room and board standard:

Program	Room and Board Standard
AB (any age)	\$523.70
AD (age 17 and under)	\$522.00
AD (age 18 and over)	\$523.70
OAA	\$523.70

(2) Personal needs standard:

Program	Non-SSI/SSB Combination Cases	SSI/SSB Combination Cases	SSI (no SSB)
AB (any age)	\$177.00	\$189.00 170.30	\$150.30
AD (age 17 and under)	\$152.00	\$172.00	\$152.00
AD (age 18 and over)	\$152.00	\$170.30	\$150.30
OAA	\$152.00	\$170.30	\$150.30

(3) The room and board payment is required for clients residing in a community based care facility (see OAR 411-027-0025).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 411.060, 411.070

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.070

461-155-0630

Special Need; Community Based Care; OSIPM

In the OSIPM program:

- (1) A client is considered living in a *community based facility care facility* (see OAR 461-001-0000) if the client resides at one of the following care settings licensed by the Department:
 - (a) Adult Foster Care.
 - (b) Residential Care.
 - (c) Assisted Living.
 - (d) Specialized Living.
 - (e) Group Care Home.
- (2) In determining eligibility for OSIPM for an individual not covered by a home and ~~community based care~~ *community based care* waiver, the special need (see OAR 461-155-0010) is the amount of the service payment authorized by the Department and is added to the OSIP maintenance standard.
- (3) If a client who meets the applicable income requirements begins living in a *community based facility care facility*:
 - (a) Payment for room and board may be authorized during the month of admission at the initial placement, limited to the approved rate.
 - (b) Room and board payments may be paid to the *community based facility care facility* during the temporary absence of a client if all of the following criteria are met:
 - (A) The absence occurs because the client is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.
 - (B) The Department determines the intent of the client to return to the *community based facility care facility*.
 - (C) The *community based facility care facility* is willing to accept the room and board payment.
 - (D) The client returns one month following the month in which the absence began.

- (4) Spouses who each receive SSI and receive services in a *community based care* facility, are eligible for a payment in the amount that equals the difference between the OSIPM standard for a one-person need group and the individual's total countable income. If one spouse has income above the OSIPM standard, the excess income is applied to the other spouse's countable income.**

Stat. Auth.: ORS 411.060

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060

461-155-0688

Prescription Drug Co-pay Coverage

THIS IS A NEW RULE

In the OSIPM program for a client who is receiving SSI as his or her only income:

- (1) The Department will provide a payment for all Medicare Part D or Veteran's Administration Health Care prescription co-pays if a client's co-pays exceed \$10 per month.
- (2) Payment for Medicare Part D copays is limited to the current Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program amounts for a fully dual eligible individual under 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit.
- (3) If the payment exceeds \$30 per month, it must be approved by Seniors and People with Disabilities Division central office staff.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 411.060, 411.706

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.704, 411.706

461-155-0693

Transportation Services Payment; OSIPM

THIS IS A NEW RULE

In the OSIPM program:

- (1) The following individuals may be eligible for a transportation services payment:
 - (a) A client who receives SSI as his or her only income; or
 - (b) A client who the Department determines meets the requirements of OAR 461-125-0370(1)(c) and has an adjusted income less than the OSIPM standard (see OAR 461-155-0250).
- (2) These services are for transportation to non-medical and non-waivered activities and resources approved by the Department. Examples of such transportation services include, but are not limited to: transportation provided by common carriers, taxicab or bus and assistance with purchase of a pass for public transportation.
- (3) Transportation services do not include purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance or repair, reimbursement for travel expenses, or transportation services that may be obtained through other means such as the State Medicaid Plan, waiver or other public or private resources available to the individual, including natural supports.
- (4) Payment for services authorized by this rule may not exceed \$25 per month.
- (5) Service costs must be verified annually or when questionable.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 411.060, 411.706

Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.704, 411.706

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Notice of Change in Cash Payment

This notice is about an important change. The cash payment that you get for \$1.70 per month or \$20.40 each year will end on December 31, 2009. If you get a monthly payment for more than \$1.70, that payment will be reduced by \$1.70.

This change is being made so that the Department of Human Services can use these funds for payments that better meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities. You may contact your local office for more information.

There is no change to your medical benefits. **This change does not affect your Social Security benefits.** If you receive food stamps, you may see an increase of \$1.00 in your food stamp benefits.

See separate insert for information on your hearing rights.

This notice is based on Oregon Administrative Rule 461-155-0250.

Further information

The money saved from stopping the supplemental income payments will be used for new payments for some people who qualify. The new payments are:

Prescription co-pay coverage: If you have Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as your only income and pay \$10 per month or more for your prescription co-pays, this payment may be able to help you with those costs.

Transportation services payment: If you have SSI as your only income or income below \$675.70 and a cost for transportation services that is not covered by another source (*such as your medical card or care plan*), you may be eligible for this payment. These payments are for transportation services to non-medical activities. Transportation services do not include purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance or repair, reimbursement for travel expenses or mileage or transportation services that may be obtained through other means. Payment is limited to \$25 per month.

The Department also offers other special need payments such as:

- Room and board allowance
- Home repairs
- Restaurant meals
- Home adaptations to accommodate a physical condition
- Food for guide dogs and special assistance animals
- Emergency response system
- Special diet allowance
- Laundry allowances

Contact your local office for more information.

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This notice is about an important change. The monthly cash payment that you get will be reduced by \$1.70 on December 31, 2009. The remaining portion of your cash payment will continue until the next review of your eligibility. At that time, your worker will contact you to discuss the possible continuation of this payment as well as other payments that may be available to you (*see "Further information" on back of this page*). After your review, your cash payment could stop, stay the same or go up.

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The new payments are:

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Transportation services payment: If you have SSI as your only income or income below \$675.70 and a cost for transportation services that is not covered by another source (*such as your medical card or care plan*), you may be eligible for this payment. These payments are for transportation services to non-medical activities. Transportation services do not include purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance or repair, reimbursement for travel expenses or mileage or transportation services that may be obtained through other means. Payment is limited to \$25 per month.

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