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Planning and Policy Unit
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RE: 28 DE Reg. 364 DHSS/DMMA Proposed Personal Needs Allowance State Plan Amendment Regulations (November 1, 2024)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DHSS/DMMA) proposal to revise the Medicaid State Plan and DMMS Regulation 20620.1 concerning personal needs allowances. The proposed amendment will increase the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing homes and ICF/ID facilities from \$50 a month to \$75 a month for individuals and from \$100 a month to \$150 a month for married couples. It will not impact individuals living in the community receiving waiver services through the long-term care Medicaid program. Council **endorses** the proposed increase. However, we would like to inquire how DHSS decided on an increase to \$75.00 rather than a higher amount given the cost of living in Delaware and larger amounts being provided in other states.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support. Please feel free to contact Pam Weir or me should you have any questions on our comments and request for additional information.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

Ann C. Fisher
Chairperson

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