

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1211 Session of
2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
APRIL 29, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for personal
4 needs allowance deduction for medical assistance eligible
5 persons in nursing facilities.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 443.7. Personal Needs Allowance Deduction for
12 Medical Assistance Eligible Persons in Nursing Facilities.--(a)
13 A personal needs allowance of not less than forty dollars (\$40)
14 per month, for clothing and other personal needs, shall be

1 deducted from a medical assistance eligible person's gross
2 income, as defined by departmental regulation, for purposes of
3 determining the amount that person must pay toward the cost of
4 skilled health care and intermediate services or intermediate
5 care while residing in a nursing facility.

6 (b) The personal needs allowance under subsection (a) shall
7 be increased to forty dollars (\$40) beginning July 1, 2003.

8 Section 2. Any regulations or parts of regulations are
9 hereby abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with this
10 act.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 90 days.