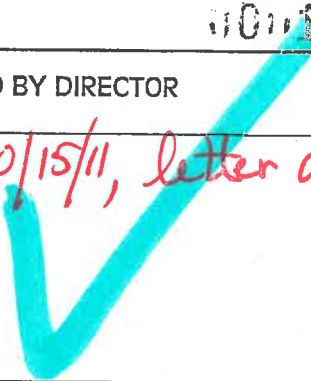


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Walchrep</i>	DATE <i>9-30-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100149</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 10/15/11, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-17-11</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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September 21, 2011

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Atlanta, GA 30303-8907

Mr. Sam Waldrep, Deputy Director, Director
Bureau of Long Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services
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Columbia, SC 29201-2409

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Waldrep:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will not announce the precise amount of the January 2012 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), if any, until the third week of October 2011. For State planning purposes, an estimated spread of 3.4% - 3.9% for the COLA can be used. The COLA is based on the increase to the consumer price index base period, which ends September 30, and is established by law.

We need to know whether you want to change your supplement rates or keep the same rates as in 2011. If the State is changing any rates, we must receive written confirmation showing the amount of the January 2012 State payment level for each living arrangement variation. As usual, we face restrictive implementation deadlines to reprogram the COLA changes. Therefore, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

If we do not receive notification of a rate change, we will assume that the rates are not changing. If a State decision cannot be obtained because of the need for State legislation or other reasons, please let us know when a decision is expected.

Please provide us with written confirmation of your decision by October 21, 2011. Also, it would be helpful if you would FAX your response before mailing it. Questions regarding this should be directed to Ila Barnes-Frazier of the SSI Program Team at (404) 562-1294 or via email to ila.barnes-frazier@ssa.gov. The FAX number is (404) 562-1325.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Grochowski
Regional Commissioner



Log #149 ✓

October 5, 2011

Michael W. Grochowski
Regional Commissioner
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61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 22T64
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8907

Dear Mr. Grochowski:

This is in response to your correspondence of September 21, 2011 regarding the January 2012 cost of living adjustment (COLA).

This is to advise you that we do intend to pass along the full amount if there is a January 2012 COLA increase.

Questions regarding this correspondence may be directed to Kevin Varn at 803-898-2698.

Sincerely,



Sam Waldrep
Deputy Director

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Brenda James - Ref Log 000149 Closed

From: Teeshla Curtis
To: Brenda James
Date: 10/17/2011 1:45 PM
Subject: Ref Log 000149 Closed
CC: Richard Kluender
Attachments: Ref Log 000149 Response.PDF

Brenda,

Attached is a response for log 149.

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