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DIGNITY ALLIANCE MASSACHUSETTS TO BRIEF LEGISLATORS ON PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

[Dignity Alliance Massachusetts](#) is providing a briefing to legislators and staff members regarding the legislative proposal to increase the personal needs allowance (PNA) for nursing home and rest home residents.

The briefing will be held in Room 428 at the State House on Monday, March 10, 2025 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The bills that will be covered are [SD2385](#) / [SD401](#) / [HD830](#) - *An Act increasing the personal needs allowance for long term care residents.*

These bills seek to increase the monthly amount withheld from a nursing home resident's income to be used for personal needs not covered by the nursing home or rest home where they reside.

It has been set at \$72.80 per month since FY 2008 and has not been increased to meet the buying power reduction caused by inflation. If inflation calculations had been included from FY 2008, the monthly allotment should be \$113.42. The PNA would be increased to that amount and would be annually adjusted to account for inflation helping nursing home residents to live with dignity.

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