

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE
2007 PRIORITY BILLS

#5 Priority Senior Issue: Bill 07-16
Personal Needs Allowance

An act establishing an annual increase for a Title XIX recipient's personal needs allowance equal to the percentage increase of Social Security payments as determined by the Social Security Administration.

EXPLANATION

- The 2006 Iowa General Assembly increased the personal needs allowance of Title XIX recipients from \$30 per month to \$50 per month but did not assure an annual increase to reflect the inflationary trend which affects the buying power of the seniors receiving the Title XIX benefits.
- Request that the Iowa General Assembly establish an annual increase in the personal needs allowance for Title XIX recipients equal to the annual Social Security cost of living increase as determined by the Social Security Administration.

IMPACT

- An annual increase will ensure that persons covered by Title XIX benefits will be assured of funds that will help them meet their basic needs.
- The financial impact will be based on the number of recipients of Title XIX services times the percentage increase determined by the Social Security Administration.

The Older Iowans Legislature has long had Personal Needs Allowance as a top priority bill and we continue to advocate for the frail elderly in nursing homes under Title XIX.

PENDING BILLS FROM THE 2007 SESSION OF IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- House File 434
By Human Resources Committee
A bill for an act relating to the personal needs allowance for residents of certain facilities. (Formerly House File 17; annual adjustment clause that was in HF 17 is deleted in HF 434) (Fiscal note for HF 434, formerly HF 17)
February 20, 2007 Introduced, referred to Appropriations
February 22, 2007 Subcommittee, Foege, Heaton, and Oldson
- Senate File 359
By Human Resources
A bill for an act relating to personal needs allowance for residents of certain facilities. (Formerly SF 123)
March 6, 2007 Introduced, placed on calendar
March 6, 2007 Committee report, approving bill
March 13, 2007 Referred to Appropriations
March 27, 2007 Subcommittee, Ragan, Dvorsky, and Johnson