



When a person is receiving Medicaid Long Term Care Services, the Medicaid recipient may be required to pay “what they can” for their care. This is called Share of Cost (SOC). There are many variables that determine the share of cost amount, such as: the customer’s counted income, the customer’s living arrangement (long term care medical facility, HCBS setting or ALTCS/Medicaid Acute), marital status, the time period the customer resides in a medical facility during a calendar month, the level of service, and other SOC deductions for which the customer qualifies.

Payment Toward Cost of Care

Member must pay their income towards the cost of their care. In most circumstances, the formula is the members income minus the “personal needs allowance” – 2021/ \$119.10. There are federal rules to allow deductions from Share of Cost. For example, the well spouse maybe able to keep some of the ill spouse’s income, this is called Community Spouse Monthly Income Allowance. There are other possible deductions such as for Medicare and other Third-Party Liability (TPL) health insurance premiums.

- Nursing Center - member must pay a “Share of Cost”. The state eligibility worker assesses this amount.
- Assisted Living – member must pay a “Room and Board” payment. The program contractor assesses this amount.

The name of the assessed payment is different, but the premise is the same.

Calculation

Gross Monthly Income	\$ _____
Other Deductions	-\$119.10 PNA
Other Allowed Deductions	-\$ _____

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Assessed Share of Cost/ R&B	\$ _____

Note to providers: It is important to make sure that an applicant for Long Term Care Medicaid understands that they will likely be required to pay their income for their care and have them start paying this while pending approval.

*This information is offered for educational purposes only.
Each Applicant has unique circumstances that will determine what they pay for care. If you have questions, please reach out to Benefit Results, or the eligibility source to make sure your situation is being addressed correctly.*