



## **Personal Needs Allowance for Individuals Living in Long-Term Care Facilities, Including Community Care Homes**

### **What Amount Should an Individual Receive?**

Act 96, SLH 2007, established the personal needs allowance as \$50 per month.

### **Who is Eligible?**

All individuals receiving Social Security payments and living in:

- Adult residential care homes Type I and Type II (HRS 321-15.6)
- Licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes (HRS 321-15.9)
- Community care foster family homes (HRS 346-331)
- Certified adult foster homes (HRS 321-11.2)
- Domiciliary care (HRS 346-1)
- Nursing facilities (HRS 346E-1)

### **How is the Payment Made?**

The payment is part of the resident's Social Security check.

### **How Can the Payment be Used?**

The payment is for clothing and other personal miscellaneous needs such as bus fare, personal postage and haircuts.

### **What Happens If the Facility Operator Receives the Payment?**

Homes are required by licensing and certification rules to keep a written account of personal funds received and expended on the client's behalf.

### **What If the Facility Does Not Spend the Funds for a Client's Personal Needs?**

Under State law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 346, Part X, financial exploitation is a form of abuse and includes the wrongful taking, withholding or appropriation of a vulnerable adult's money.

### **How Can I Report Abuse?**

Adult Protective Services at the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services can be reached by calling:

- Oahu: (808) 832-5115
- Kauai: (808) 241-3337
- Maui/Molokai/Lanai: (808) 243-5151
- East Hawaii (Hilo/Hamakua/Puna): (808) 933-8820
- West Hawaii (Kau/Kona/Kohala/Kamuela): (808) 327-6280