

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 2, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB696** by Harris (Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Section 32.024 (w), Human Resources Code and require the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to set a personal needs allowance (PNA) of not less than \$60 per month (currently \$45 per month) for a resident of a convalescent or nursing home or related institution licensed under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, personal care facility, ICF-MR facility, or other similar long-term care facility who receives medical assistance.

The existing statute establishes the PNA to be not less than \$45. Currently, the personal needs allowance recognized by DADS is \$60. Therefore, no fiscal impact is assumed.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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