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Memorandum

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From: Barbara Brundage, Director **BB**
 Regulatory Affairs Unit

Date: March 7, 2012

Re: Final regulations – rent allowance offset (SSI update) for IRAs & community residences

Effective: January 1, 2012

Suggested distribution:

Agency Financial Officers

Purpose:

Rent allowance offsets are a component of OPWDD’s methodology for setting prices for community residences and Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs). The offset is based on the amounts established for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Congregate Care Level 2, which are set annually by the Federal Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has increased the SSI levels in effect for 2012. The amounts of the rent allowance offset contained in these regulations reflect the 2012 SSI increase.

OPWDD filed temporary emergency regulations which were effective January 1, 2012. These regulations have now been finalized.

For questions, please contact Joanne Howard by email at rate.setting@opwdd.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 402-4330.

Thank you.

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