

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO.07-24, CHANGES RELATED TO 2025 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

**DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2024**

**Manual:** Family and Children's Medicaid  
**Change No:** 07-24  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services

## **I. SOCIAL SECURITY COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

The Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase when there is an increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Based on the increase in the CPI from the third quarter of 2023 through the third quarter of 2024, there will be a 2.5 percent increase in COLA for 2025.

## **II. POLICY UPDATE**

### **A. MA-3315, Medicaid Deductible**

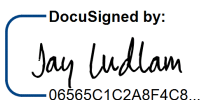
Section IV.C., Medicare Part A and Part B premium, deductible and co-insurance are updated to reflect the current amounts and related examples.

### **B. MA-3570, Social Security and Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) policy is updated with 2025 COLA related information.**

## **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective January 1, 2025. NC FAST will send a communication with additional information with instructions and reports.

If you have any questions regarding information in this letter, please contact your [Operational Support Team Representative](#).

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