

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 259 (HB 266)**

**2025 Regular Session**

**Wiley**

Prior law provided that individuals who are living inpatient at a healthcare facility are entitled to a personal needs allowance of \$38 for individuals and \$76 for couples.

New law directs the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to increase the personal needs allowance to \$50 for individuals and \$100 for couples.

New law authorizes LDH to amend the state's plan submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to secure federal financial participation in new law.

New law is subject to an appropriation or the availability of appropriate federal funds.

New law provides that any increase in a personal needs allowance is subject to a specific appropriation of funds for the implementation of new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2025).

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.45)