The EFFECTIVE DATE of the changes is the same as the issuance date unless stated otherwise.

0020.22 (GRH Assistance Standards) in GRH updates the maximum monthly GRH Housing Rate.

0023.24 (MSA Housing Assistance) in MSA updates the MSA Housing Assistance allowance. It adds that the MSA Housing Assistance allowance is half of the individual SSI federal benefit rate and deletes "the maximum single person SNAP allotment". It also in the 4th bullet adds "GRH setting".
MFIP, DWP, SNAP, MSA, GA:
No provisions.

GRH:
The standard of need for a person who lives in a Group Residential Housing (GRH) setting is the sum of:

- The GRH Room and Board Rate (also known as the MSA equivalent rate, Base Rate, or Rate 1).

  PLUS

- The Supplementary Service Rate for the setting for which the person is eligible, or the Difficulty of Care (DOC) rate for the person (if any).

Effective 7-1-20, the maximum monthly GRH Housing Rate is $934. Counties may negotiate a different rate, not to exceed the maximum.

Effective 7-1-13, the maximum Supplementary Service Rate is $482.84 and the maximum DOC rate is $482.84. You may find some GRH facilities with higher amounts; these EXCEPTIONS are due to legislative actions.

The current GRH Room and Board Rate (Rate 1) and Supplementary Service Rate are shown on the MAXIS VND2 panel. The DOC rate is determined by county social services and for current GRH participants can be found on the FACI panel. The GRH Supplementary Service Rate and DOC rate are subject to the statutory maximum and may only be used to pay for services otherwise not eligible for payment by a waiver on behalf of the client.
MSA HOUSING ASSISTANCE

MFIP, DWP, SNAP, GA, GRH:
No provisions.

MSA:
MSA Housing Assistance is a recurring special need payment for clients whose housing costs exceed 40% of the unit’s gross income. The amount of the MSA Housing Assistance allowance is $392. This allowance amount is equal to half of the individual SSI federal benefit rate as of July 1st each year. See 0029.06.03 (Supplemental Security Income Program). If the client is eligible for MSA Housing Assistance the “living alone” assistance standard is always applied, regardless of living situation. 0020.21 (MSA Assistance Standards)

To be eligible for MSA Housing Assistance, an applicant must meet ALL the following requirements:

- Be eligible for MSA.

- Be under the age of 65. A client under the age of 65 who is receiving MSA Housing Assistance and turns age 65 can continue to receive the allowance until subsidized housing becomes available.

- Have total shelter costs that exceed 40% of the unit’s gross income before application of this allowance. See SHELTER COSTS in 0002.61 (Glossary: Self...).

AND

- Meet 1 of these conditions:
  - Relocating to the community from an institution, intensive residential mental health treatment program, or GRH setting. See INSTITUTION in 0002.33 (Glossary: Independent...).
  OR
- Eligible for MA personal care assistance (PCA) services.
  OR
- A recipient of MA waiver services living in his or her own home or rented or leased apartment.

NOTE: A client in an institution may already be eligible for MSA, but would not be eligible to receive the MSA Housing Assistance allowance until after the move from the institution. A client in an institution and not eligible for MSA may become eligible upon discharge.

An MSA client who receives rental assistance or lives in subsidized housing is not eligible for MSA Housing Assistance.