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Finds that the quality of life and the dignity of individuals to maintain as much personal autonomy as possible, during the time that they are residents of nursing facilities, require that they retain for their own use a personal needs allowance which may be used to purchase clothing and other personal items.

Declares an intent to establish a minimum level for the personal needs allowance and to allow the department of social and health services, by rule, to adjust this amount in the future to reflect the increasing costs of these personal expenditures.