

Introduction

- Each individual resident of The Heritage at Brentwood has a monthly dining allocation that is included as part of their monthly service fee
- The 2018 allowances are \$425 per individual and \$850 per couple
- The dining allowance can be used in the following areas:
 - The Heritage at Brentwood main dining room
 - Steeplechase Lounge
 - Market/Deli
 - Convenient Store (limited to food type items)
 - Somerfield Health Center
 - Catering provided by The Heritage at Brentwood
 - Guest Meals
- Any unused dining allowance cannot be carried over to another billing period

Dining Allowance Cut-off Dates

- In an effort to control the flow of traffic in the dining room, The Heritage at Brentwood has three separate cut-off dates for the dining allowance
 - First floor residences in Dogwood, Magnolia and Garden Villas have a cut-off date of the 5th of each month (charges run from the 6th through the 5th)
 - Second floor residences in Dogwood, Magnolia and Garden Villas have a cut-off date of the 15th of each month (charges run from the 16th through the 15th)
 - Third floor residences in Dogwood, Magnolia and the villas have a cut-off date of the 25th of each month (charges run from the 26th through the 25th)
- The dining charges associated with each cut-off date are billed to residents in arrears on the next statement date
 - Example - August dining allowance cut-off dates will be billed on the September 1 statement

Dining Charges on Monthly Statements

- Dining Charges will only appear on your monthly statement if you spend over your monthly dining allowance. These charges will appear on your statement as “Dining Allowance”.

Absences and the Dining Allowance

- When a resident/couple is absent from The Heritage at Brentwood for 14 or more consecutive days, they will receive a daily credit equal to the average food cost per meal (\$6.00 in 2018)
- Residents are not given a credit for the labor cost per meal, because staffing is typically not adjusted for absences
- When there is a planned absence from the community, residents should complete a *Resident Absence From The Heritage at Brentwood* form that is available at the front desk and turn in to the Receptionist
- Couples absent for the 14+ days will receive double-credit ($\$6.00 + \$6.00 = \$12.00$ per day)
- The meal credit is applied directly to your monthly service fees
- Meal credits appear on your monthly statement as ABSENCE CREDIT-MONTH

LifeCare[®] and the Dining Allowance

- Residents who transfer to Somerfield using their *LifeCare[®]* benefit still utilize their monthly dining allowance
- HC regulations require three meals to be served to residents each day
- Three meals at Somerfield total \$32.50 per day
 - Breakfast = \$7.50
 - Lunch = \$11.25
 - Dinner = \$13.75

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- Meal prices were set to cover raw food costs, supplies and labor
- The average monthly cost of having three meals per day at Somerfield is \$989 (average 30.42 days per month @ \$32.50 per day)
- Once the dining allowance is applied, additional meal charges for *LifeCare*[®] residents in Somerfield average \$564 per month (\$989 less \$425) or \$18.53 per day.
- Once a resident transfers to permanent *LifeCare*[®] status, charges are billed on a calendar month basis instead of using cut-off dates.
- Dining charges for **temporary** *LifeCare*[®] stays (90 free days) are reflected on the resident's Independent Living statement.
- Once a resident transfers to **permanent** *LifeCare*[®] status, dining charges are reflected on their Health Center statement
- Couples who have one spouse transfer on a permanent basis to Somerfield each have separate dining allowances of \$425 – one for the Independent Living resident and one for the Health Center resident
- Any unused dining allowance for the Independent Living resident can be transferred to offset a portion of the additional meals cost of the Health Center resident
- Due to the cost of meals in Somerfield, a couple will pay a minimum of \$139 per month of additional meal charges (\$989 monthly HC meals less \$850 per couple total dining allowance) for a full month stay – regardless of whether the stay is temporary or permanent