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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 23-06
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDICAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2023 STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE FOR NURSING
FACILITY SERVICES

This letter announces that the 2023 Statewide Average Private Pay Rate for nursing facility services is \$11,576. Use this when calculating the period of ineligibility for disqualifying transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value whenever the date of application or the date of institutionalization (the more recent of the two) occurs in 2023. Do not update existing periods of ineligibility on an annual basis. Counties must not use this figure to recalculate periods of ineligibility where the dates of application and institutionalization occurred prior to January 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2022, the asset limits for all Non-MAGI Medi-Cal programs were increased to \$130,000 for one person and \$65,000 for each additional person being evaluated ([ACWDL 21-31](#)). The asset limits for all Non-MAGI programs will be eliminated effective January 1, 2024 ([ACWDL 22-25](#)). DHCS will release additional guidance at a later time regarding transfers of assets after January 1, 2024.

Note: Per Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDILs) [I 20-07](#), [I 20-08](#), [I 20-18](#), [I 20-25](#), and [I 20-26](#), counties must delay processing of Medi-Cal annual renewals, and defer discontinuances and other negative actions until the Continuous Coverage Unwinding period begins on April 1, 2023. The county shall continue to process determinations or redeterminations for those individuals who would gain access to health care coverage and resolve barriers related to access to care.

For Continuous Coverage Unwinding guidance, please reference MEDILs [I 23-06](#), [I 23-03](#), [I 23-02](#), and [ACWDL 22-18](#).

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