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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.:24-05
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2024 STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE FOR NURSING
FACILITY SERVICES

References: ACWDLs [90-01](#), [21-31](#), [22-25](#) and [23-28](#)

This letter announces that the 2024 Statewide Average Private Pay Rate (APPR) for nursing facility services (NFS) is \$12,608. Use this rate when calculating a period of ineligibility for NFS when an institutionalized individual makes a disqualifying transfer of nonexempt property for less than fair market value in accordance with sections 50408.5, 50411.3 and 50411.5 of ACWDL [90-01](#). Only those transfers made during the look-back period are considered (ACWDL [23-28](#)). The 2024 APPR is used in calculating any period of ineligibility for NFS whenever the date of application or the date of institutionalization (the more recent of the two) occurs in 2024 and a disqualifying transfer of property was made during the look-back period in 2023 or earlier. Counties must consider undue hardship in accordance with section 50096.5 of ACWDL [90-01](#) before imposing a period of NFS ineligibility.

Do not update existing periods of ineligibility for NFS on an annual basis. In addition, counties must not use this figure to recalculate existing periods of ineligibility for NFS where the dates of application and institutionalization occurred prior to January 1, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2022, the property 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](#)). All property is now exempt for all Non-MAGI programs effective January 1, 2024 (ACWDL [22-25](#)). Transfers of exempt property, by their nature, are not made to establish eligibility for Medi-Cal, therefore, pursuant to section 50411.5 of ACWDL [90-01](#), no period of ineligibility for NFS can be imposed for transfers of exempt property. ACWDL [23-28](#) provides guidance regarding transfer and exemption of all property.

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