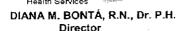
## State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

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TO:

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT:

2003 STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE FOR NURSING

**FACILITY SERVICES** 

The purpose of this letter is to officially announce that the 2003 statewide Average Private Pay Rate for nursing facility services is \$4,415. This is used in calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value. Counties must use this figure whenever the date of application, or the date of institutionalization, (the more recent of the two) occurs in 2003 and a disqualifying transfer has occurred. Existing periods of ineligibility are not updated annually so counties must not use this figure to recalculate periods of ineligibility where the dates of application and institutionalization occurred prior to January 1, 2003.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Sherilyn Walden at (916) 657-3091.

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Beth Fife, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch



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