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TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

1998 STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE (APPR) FOR NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

The purpose of this letter is to officially announce that the 1998 statewide APPR for nursing facility services to be used in calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value is \$3,460. Counties must use this figure whenever the date of application, or the date of institutionalization, (the more recent of the two) occurs in 1998, 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, 1998.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Sharyl Shanen-Raya of my staff at (916) 657-2942.

Sincerely,

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