TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

FROM: Amy Andrade, Director, Member and Provider Services

RE: Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services

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**Introduction**

In accordance with 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1), MassHealth must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services when it has determined that a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources.

When calculating the period of ineligibility, MassHealth uses the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth. Periodically, this figure is revised to reflect increased costs.

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**Revised Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services**

Effective April 1, 2013, the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth increased from $279 to $300 a day.

The date MassHealth receives the application or eligibility review form determines which of the following amount to use when calculating the period of ineligibility for a disqualifying transfer of resources.

- If received before April 1, 2013: use $279.
- If received on or after April 1, 2013: use $300.

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**Questions**

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.