TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff
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RE: Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services

Introduction

If a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources, MassHealth must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services. See 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1): Financial Eligibility.

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.

Revised Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services

Effective November 1, 2019, the average cost to a person paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth is being increased from $366.73 to $367.21 a day.

When calculating the period of ineligibility for a disqualifying transfer of resources, use the date that MassHealth received the application or eligibility review form in order to determine which amount should be used.

- If an application is received before November 1, 2019, use $366.73
- If an application is received on or after November 1, 2019, use $367.21.

Questions

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