



**Eligibility Operations Memo 21-20**  
**December 2021**

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

**Introduction**

This EOM provides the new average cost of nursing facility services that MassHealth will begin using on December 1, 2021, to calculate a period of ineligibility.

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 **December 1, 2021**, the average cost to a person paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth is being **increased** from \$391.00 to \$410.00 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 to determine which amount should be used.

- If an application is received **before** December 1, 2021, use \$391.00
- If an application is received **on or after** December 1, 2021, use \$410.00.

**Questions**

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