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## Eligibility Operations Memo 24-07

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**TO:** MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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**FROM:** Heather Rossi, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Eligibility Policy and Implementation

**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 November 1, 2024, 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

Starting November 1, 2024, the average cost to a person paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth will increase from \$433.00 to \$441.00 per 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 November 1, 2024, use \$433.00.
- If an application is received on or after November 1, 2024, use \$441.00.

### Questions?

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