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**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 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*](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/130-CMR-52000-masshealth-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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