



Eligibility Operations Memo 18-06
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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services

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.

Revised Average Cost of Nursing Facility Services

The average cost to a person paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth is being **increased** from \$354 to \$366.73 a day. This increase will take effect on **November 1, 2018**.

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, 2018, use \$354.
- If an application is received **on or after** November 1, 2018, use \$366.73.

Questions

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