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Mental Health

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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
 LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
 LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
 CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: INCREASED MEDICAL NURSING FACILITIES LEVEL B
 (FORMERLY SNF) RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 – 2004

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Rates

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Letter No. 02-10

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has updated provider reimbursement rates for Long Term Care providers. These rates are effective for services provided on or after August 1, 2003. The per diem rate for Nursing Facilities Level B are listed below.

Also, it should be noted that there has been a change in the counties included in the NF Level A and B peer groups for the Bay Area. Beginning with services provided on or after August 1, 2002, Napa and Sonoma counties have been transferred from the All Other to Bay Area peer group. Payment to facilities in these counties will be based on the rates for the Bay Area peer group.

| <u>NO. OF BEDS</u> | <u>AREA</u> | <u>RATES</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| | | <i>Effective 8/1/03</i> |
| 1-59 | Los Angeles | \$107.08 |
| 1-59 | Bay Area * | \$132.57 |
| 1-59 | All Others | \$115.19 |
| 60+ | Los Angeles | \$107.20 |
| 60+ | Bay Area * | \$139.34 |
| 60+ | All Others | \$119.60 |

* Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma.



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The Special Treatment Program (STP) patch will remain at \$5.72 per client/per day, but please note that the facility rates listed **do not include** the STP patch. The rate reduction for Leave of Absence and Bedhold for Acute Hospitalization is \$5.05 per diem.

Pursuant to Section 5902(e) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as long as Institutions for Mental Disease facilities have county contracts and retain Nursing Facility - Level B (formerly SNF) licensure and certification, they shall be reimbursed for basic services at the rate established by DHS, in addition to the rate established for STPs.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alfred Nicholls, Chief, Licensing and Certification at (916) 654-2647.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed by)

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Director

cc: STP/IMD Providers
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