



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
**Mental Health**

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DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 02-07

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

SUBJECT: INCREASED MEDI-CAL NURSING FACILITIES LEVEL B  
(FORMERLY SNF) RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 - 2003

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004 Rates

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Notice No. 01-09

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, 2002. 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 will be 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 8/1/02</i>
1-59	Los Angeles	\$ 104.39
1-59	Bay Area *	129.96
1-59	All Others	113.98
60+	Los Angeles	103.54
60+	Bay Area *	131.08
60+	All Others	115.21

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

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 new Leave of Absence Bed Hold rate is \$4.78.

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 or you may write to him at the above address.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director

cc: STP/IMD Providers  
Public Guardian/Conservators  
California Mental Health Planning Council  
Chief, Technical Assistance and Training



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