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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 1999 - 2000

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000 Rates

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Notice No. 98-17

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has established the reimbursement rates for Long Term Care providers, which also reflects an increase, for fiscal year 1999/2000. Please be advised that DHS has informed the Department of Mental Health that the January 1, 2000 rate includes funding to increase the nursing staff requirements to 3.2 full-time equivalents. The per diem rate for Nursing Facilities Level B are as follows:

| <u>NO. OF BEDS</u> | <u>AREA</u> | <u>RATES</u> | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 8/1/99 -12/31/99 | 1/1/00 – 7/31/00 |
| 1-59 | Los Angeles | \$ 84.30 | \$ 87.26 |
| 1-59 | Bay Area * | 97.32 | 100.28 |
| 1-59 | All Others | 90.35 | 93.31 |
| 60+ | Los Angeles | 82.97 | 85.93 |
| 60+ | Bay Area * | 104.26 | 107.22 |
| 60+ | All Others | 93.66 | 96.62 |

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

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 \$4.62.

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 at (916) 654-2647.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: STP/IMD Providers
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