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Effective August 1, 2007, for the rate year 2007 – 2008, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will begin collecting the 6 percent Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 1629 on the total net revenue of all non-exempt Free-Standing Skilled Nursing Facilities and Free-Standing Skilled Adult Subacute Nursing Facilities Level-B (FS/NF-Bs), subject to the fee.

DHCS will collect the following QAF on a monthly basis:

- FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days equal to or greater than 100,000 \$7.55 per resident day.
- FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days less than 100,000 \$8.27 per resident day.

DHCS will send quarterly notices to each facility and three monthly payment forms. Payments are due on or before the last day of the month following the month for which the fee was imposed.

Questions about the QAF program may be submitted to:

FS/NF-B QAF Coordinator Department of Health Care Services Long Term Care System Development Unit 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.4001 MS 4612 P.O. Box 997417 Sacramento, CA 95899-7417

Information about the Long Term Care System Development Unit (LTCSDU) and the QAF program is available on the DHCS Web site (www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/mcpd/RDB/LTCSDU).

This *Medi-Cal Update* provides information concerning the QAF assessed for each skilled nursing facility for the rate year August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008. California *Health and Safety Code*, Sections 1324.20 through 1324.30, and *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14105.06, authorize CDHS to collect a QAF from all non-exempt FS/NF-Bs. The purpose of this fee is to enhance federal financial participation in the Medi-Cal program and provide additional reimbursement to and support quality improvement efforts in licensed FS/NF-Bs providing services for the Medi-Cal program.