

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 22-05

ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

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ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2022 Statewide Average Private Pay Rate (APPR) for Nursing Facility Level of Care and Reminder of Changes to Asset Limits

This letter announces that the 2022 APPR for nursing facility level of care (NFLOC) is \$10,933. Use the 2022 APPR when calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value only if an application for an institutionalized individual or institutionalization occurred in 2022, and a disqualifying transfer occurred. Do not update existing periods of ineligibility for NFLOC on an annual basis. Counties must not use this figure to recalculate periods of ineligibility for NFLOC if the dates of application and institutionalization occurred prior to January 1, 2022.

Reminder of Changes to the Asset Limits

On July 1, 2022, the asset limits for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal will be changing. In this context, the term "assets" refers to non-exempt property. The asset limit for one person will increase from \$2,000 to \$130,000. This change will apply to institutionalized individuals, and therefore must be used when calculating any period of ineligibility for disqualifying transfers of property occurring on or after July 1, 2022. SAWS will be programmed to reflect the increased asset limits prior to implementation.

For additional information related to the asset limit changes, please see ACWDL 21-31.

If you have questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Daniela Gutierrez at (916) 345-8501 or by e-mail at Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov.

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