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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER NO.: 06-11  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS  
ALL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2006 STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE FOR  
NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

The purpose of this letter is to officially announce that the 2006 statewide Average Private Pay Rate for nursing facility services is \$5031.00. This is used in calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value. Counties must use this figure whenever the date of application, or the date of institutionalization, (the more recent of the two) occurs in 2006, and a disqualifying transfer has occurred. Existing periods of ineligibility are not updated annually so counties must not use this figure to recalculate periods of ineligibility where the dates of application and institutionalization occurred prior to January 1, 2006.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Sherilyn Walden at (916) 552-9502.

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