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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 92-13

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY RATE (APPR) FOR NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

The information contained in this letter was previously issued via EMAIL (DHS # 92020) on February 7, 1992.

The primary purpose of this letter is to officially announce the 1992 statewide average private pay rate (APPR) for nursing facility services to be used in calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of nonexempt property for less than fair market value is \$2,791.00. Counties should use this figure whenever the most recent of the two: the date of application, or the date of institutionalization, occurs in 1992, and a disqualifying transfer has occurred. Existing periods of ineligibility are not updated annually so counties should not use this figure to recalculate periods of ineligibility.

The second purpose is to inform counties that the Department does not expect completion of the system changes necessary to provide for the issuance of cards which limit the scope of benefits to all services except nursing facility services until June 1, 1992, at the earliest. This new delay is due to the need for system changes relating to Edwards which must be completed first. Counties should continue to issue full scope Medi-Cal cards to those individuals who have made disqualifying transfers until further notice. Beneficiaries will not be held accountable for nursing facility services incorrectly paid for by Medi-Cal as a result of the issuance of full scope Medi-Cal cards.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Sharyl Shanen-Raya of my staff at (916) 657-2942.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci
Chief