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**TO: Income Maintenance Supervisors  
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Job Center Leads and Managers  
Training Staff  
Child Care Coordinators**

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**SUBJECT: Private Pay Nursing Home Rate**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** [MEH 17.5; Operations Memo 10-43](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** JULY 1, 2011

**PURPOSE:**

This memo provides the updated average nursing home private pay rate used to determine a divestment penalty period.

**BACKGROUND:**

The average nursing home private rate is based on nursing home rate information from the 2011 Genworth Cost of Care Survey, conducted during January, February and March 2011. Nursing homes in the following regions (some comprised of multiple counties) were polled: Appleton, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, LaCrosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Racine, Sheboygan, Wausau, and the balance of the state.

CALCULATION:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Min Daily</u>	<u>Max Daily</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Inst. MA*</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Wt'd Daily</u>	<u>Wt'd Mo</u>
Appleton	\$185	\$249	\$218	585	\$127,530		
Eau Claire	\$180	\$229	\$190	408	\$77,520		
Fond du Lac	\$180	\$212	\$195	355	\$69,225		
Green Bay	\$150	\$236	\$200	882	\$176,400		
Janesville	\$190	\$311	\$225	533	\$119,925		
LaCrosse	\$189	\$215	\$211	504	\$106,344		
Madison	\$193	\$274	\$216	1,128	\$243,648		
Milwaukee	\$200	\$332	\$254	4,316	\$1,096,264		
Oshkosh	\$220	\$250	\$234	605	\$141,570		
Racine	\$200	\$271	\$251	532	\$133,532		
Sheboygan	\$218	\$258	\$232	464	\$107,648		
Wausau	\$226	\$250	\$238	566	\$134,708		
BOS	\$165	\$233	\$195	9,314	\$1,816,230		
				20,192	\$4,350,544	\$215.46	\$6,554

\*The number of persons eligible for institutional Medicaid at the end of April 2011 (in the counties that comprise each region) is used for weighting purposes.

**NEW AMOUNT:**

The new monthly average nursing home private pay rate is \$6,554. Beginning July 1, 2011, use this amount when determining new divestment penalty periods (for divestments that occurred prior to January 1, 2009). For divestments that occurred on or after January 1, 2009, use the average daily rate of \$215.46. A revision to the Medicaid Eligibility Handbook will be made in a future release.

**CARES:**

A change to CARES reference table TASP will be made to use the new amount for divestment penalty calculations beginning July 1, 2011.

**CONTACTS:**

BEPS CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

\*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, BC+ Core – BadgerCare Plus Core, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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