

TO: Local Commissioners, Medicaid Directors**FROM:** Betty Rice, Director
Division of Consumer and Local District Relations**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods
for 2003**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2003**CONTACT PERSON:** Local District Liaison
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This is to inform local districts of the year 2003 Medicaid regional rates which must be used to determine a transfer of assets penalty period in accordance with 96 ADM-8, "OBRA '93 Provisions on Transfers and Trusts." These rates are based on average nursing home costs in each of the seven regions in the State.

The regional rates are:

Region	Monthly Regional Rate
Central	\$5,390
Long Island	\$8,583
New York City	\$8,157
Northeastern	\$5,998
Northern Metropolitan	\$7,464
Rochester	\$6,058
Western	\$5,614