

TO: Local Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods
for 2005

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This is to inform local districts of the year 2005 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	\$5,988
Long Island	\$9,612
New York City	\$8,870
Northeastern	\$6,501
Northern Metropolitan	\$8,332
Rochester	\$6,981
Western	\$6,181

Reminder: Districts must use the rate for the region in which the facility is located or, if the applicant/recipient is not institutionalized, the rate for the region in which the individual resides.