

**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods  
for 2008

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This is to inform local districts of the year 2008 Medicaid regional rates which must be used to determine a transfer of assets penalty period. This is in accordance with 96 ADM-8, "OBRA '93 Provisions on Transfers and Trusts" and 06 OMM/ADM-5, "Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 - Long-Term Care Medicaid Eligibility Changes." These rates are based on average nursing home costs in each of the seven regions in the State.

The regional rates are:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Monthly Regional Rate</b>
Central	\$6,696
Long Island	\$10,555
New York City	\$9,636
Northeastern	\$7,431
Northern Metropolitan	\$9,316
Rochester	\$8,089
Western	\$7,066

Reminder: Districts must use the rate for the region in which the facility is located. The Attachment to 06 OMM/ADM-2 contains a listing of counties by region.