

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods for 2026

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform local departments of social services of the year 2026 Medicaid regional nursing home rates which must be used when calculating a transfer of assets penalty period for coverage of nursing facility services. 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 private pay nursing home costs in each of the seven regions in the State. Districts must use the regional rate in effect as of the date of application or the date request for an increase in coverage for the region in which the facility is located.

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| Central \$14,146 Broome Jefferson Oswego Cayuga Lewis St Lawrence Chenango Madison Tioga Cortland Oneida Tompkins Herkimer Onondaga | | | Northern Metropolitan \$15,024 Dutchess Rockland Ulster Orange Sullivan Westchester Putnam | | |
| Northeastern \$14,783 Albany Fulton Saratoga Clinton Greene Schenectady Columbia Hamilton Schoharie Delaware Montgomery Warren Essex Otsego Washington Franklin Rensselaer | | | New York City \$15,282 Bronx Queens Kings (Brooklyn) Richmond (Staten Island) New York (Manhattan) | | |
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| Western \$13,765 Allegany Erie Orleans Cattaraugus Genesee Wyoming Chautauqua Niagara | | | Rochester \$15,675 Chemung Ontario Steuben Livingston Schuyler Wayne Monroe Seneca Yates | | |