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TO: Economic Self-Sufficiency Operations Managers
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FROM: Dianna Laffey, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

SUBJECT: Change in Average Private Pay Nursing Home Rate

EFFECTIVE: September 19, 2013

This memorandum is to inform staff of a change in the average private pay nursing home rate.

Transfer of asset provisions apply to individuals applying for or receiving Medicaid benefits under the Institutional Care Program (including institutional Hospice), Home & Community Based Waiver Programs and the PACE Program. The average private pay nursing home rate is used when calculating transfer of asset penalty periods.

New Penalty Periods

The transfer divisor figure changes to \$7,638 effective September 19, 2013. The new transfer divisor figure will apply to all new penalty periods with a begin date starting on or after September 19, 2013, regardless of when the transfer occurred.

Existing Penalty Periods

Previously imposed penalty periods must not be recalculated based on the new divisor even if there is a break in Medicaid coverage and the individual reapplies on or after September 19, 2013. Continue to use the divisor that was used at the time the penalty period was calculated as follows:

Use a \$5,000 divisor if the penalty begin date was on or between 06/01/06 and 04/14/12.

Use a \$6,880 divisor if the penalty begin date was on or between 04/15/12 and 08/31/12.

Use a \$7,362 divisor if the penalty begin date was on or between 09/1/12 and 09/18/13.

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Appendix A-35 in the policy manual has been updated to add the new average nursing home rate.

FLORIDA System Instructions remain the same.

Region Program staff may direct policy questions to Vonsenita Tranquille at (850) 717-4238.

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