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**SUBJECT:** Change in Average Private Pay Nursing Home Rate

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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 and MEDS-AD), 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 changes to \$8,662 effective June 1, 2016. The new transfer divisor figure will apply to all new penalty periods with a begin date starting on or after June 1, 2016, regardless of when the transfer occurred. Appendix A-35 of the manual has been updated with the new figure.

### **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 June 1, 2016. Continue to use the divisor that was used at the time the penalty period was calculated.

### **FLORIDA System Instructions**

Once the total of all transferred assets is correctly entered on the AAAT screen, FLORIDA will calculate the correct penalty period using the new amount as the divisor.

If there are policy questions, region program offices may contact Dorthene Baker at [Dorthene.Baker@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Dorthene.Baker@myflfamilies.com). If there are FLORIDA system questions, staff may contact [Ron.hardcastle@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Ron.hardcastle@myflfamilies.com).

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