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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 1997-98 Rates

REFERENCE: Supersedes DMH Information Notice No. 94-13

The Fiscal Year 1996-97 Medi-Cal facility rates have been released by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The rates now have been filed with the Secretary of State, and they are retroactive to August 1, 1996.

The specific rates for Freestanding Nursing Facilities are as follows:

NO. OF BEDS	AREA	RATES
1-59	Los Angeles	76.14
1-59	Bay Area *	85.11
1-59	All Others	81.60
60+	Los Angeles	73.53
60+	Bay Area *	94.42
60+	All Others	82.95

* Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Marin.

The Special Treatment Program (STP) patch continues at $5.72 per client per day. Please note that the facility rates listed above do not include the STP patch.

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5902(e), as long as county contracts with Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) facilities require that they retain SNF licensure and certification, they shall be reimbursed for basic services at the rate established by DHS, plus the rate established for STPs.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alfred Nicholls at (916) 654-2396.

Sincerely,

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cc: STP/IMD Providers
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