

TO: Local Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods
for 2004

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This is to inform local districts of the year 2004 Medicaid regional rates which must be used to determine a transfer of assets penalty period in accordance with 96 ADM-8, "OBRA '93 Provisions on Transfers and Trusts." These rates are based on average nursing home costs in each of the seven regions in the State.

The regional rates are:

Region	Monthly Regional Rate
Central	\$5,842
Long Island	\$9,296
New York City	\$8,695
Northeastern	\$6,254
Northern Metropolitan	\$7,902
Rochester	\$6,672
Western	\$5,854