

Administrative Notice DMMA-02-2008

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: April 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Nursing Home Private Pay Rate

**BACKGROUND**

The average usual and customary nursing facility charge for a private pay patient is calculated annually. This daily amount is used to calculate a monthly rate based on 30.42 days per month. These figures are used to calculate a penalty period when a Medicaid applicant has transferred assets for less than fair market value.

Note: This is not the average Medicaid per diem rate.

**DISCUSSION**

Effective May 1, 2008 the daily and monthly rates are:

Average daily cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$ 189.55
Average monthly cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$5,766.11

**ACTION REQUIRED**

DMMA staff should use these figures when calculating a penalty period for applications filed on or after May 1, 2008. Review policy at DSSM 20350.3 and DSSM 20350.3.1.

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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