



STATE OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

POLICY, PLANNING & QUALITY  
MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA A-1-2021

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: January 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Nursing Home Private Pay Rate

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**BACKGROUND**

Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act stipulates that a period of ineligibility must be assessed when a Medicaid applicant has transferred assets for less than fair market value. The average monthly cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility is used to determine this period of ineligibility.

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

**DISCUSSION**

The daily average usual and customary nursing facility charge for a private pay patient is calculated annually. This amount is then rounded up or down, based on normal rounding rules. A monthly rate is obtained by multiplying the rounded daily rate by 30.42 days. These figures are used to calculate the period of ineligibility.

Effective January 1, 2021 the daily and monthly rates are:

Average daily cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$ 346.97
Average monthly cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$ 10,554.83

**ACTION REQUIRED**

DMMA staff should use these figures when calculating a period of ineligibility for applications filed on or after January 1, 2021. Policy DSSM 20350.3 and DSSM 20350.3.1 should be reviewed.

The eligibility system will be updated with these figures.

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