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

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

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Notice No. 96-14

The Fiscal Year 1996-97 Medi-Cal facility reimbursement rates have been increased for some Long-Term providers by the Department of Health Services (DHS). These rates reflect an increase in Federal and State minimum wage levels and are effective February 1, 1997.

The specific per diem rates for Freestanding Nursing Facilities are as follows. The bold print reflects the increases in reimbursement rates.

NO. OF BEDS	AREA	RATES
1-59	Los Angeles	76.14
1-59	Bay Area *	85.11
59	**All Others**	**81.87**
60+	**Los Angeles**	**74.31**
60+	Bay Area *	94.42
60+	**All Others**	**83.29**

* 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. The Leave of Absence bed hold rate for acute hospitals is $4.25.

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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