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DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 98-07

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 NURSING FACILITIES LEVEL B (FORMERLY SNF) RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98

EXPIRES: Approval and Release of Fiscal Year 1998-99 Rates

REFERENCE: Amends DMH Information Notice No. 97-08

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has established the reimbursement rates for Long Term Care providers, which also reflects an increase, for fiscal year 1997/98. The breakdown of per diem rates for Freestanding Nursing Facilities are as follows:

NO. OF BEDS	AREA	RATES	
		8/1/97 - 10/31/97	11/1/97 - 7/31/98
1-59	Los Angeles	76.48	76.79
1-59	Bay Area *	87.23	87.46
59	All Others	83.24	83.57
60+	Los Angeles	74.59	74.88
60+	Bay Area *	97.26	97.50
60+	All Others	84.64	84.99

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

The Special Treatment Program (STP) patch will remain at $5.72 per client/per day, but please note that the facility rates do not include the STP patch. The new Leave of Absence Bed Hold rate is $4.38.

Pursuant to Section 5902(e) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as long as Institutions for Mental Disease facilities have county contracts and retain Nursing Facility - Level B (formerly SNF) licensure and certification, they shall be reimbursed for basic services at the rate established by DHS, in addition to the rate established for STPs.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Alfred Nicholls at (916) 654-2647.

Sincerely,

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cc: STP/IMD Providers
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