



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 118

Effective Date: September 1, 2016

OAC Rules: 5160:1-3-07.2

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: John B. McCarthy, Director

Subject: Medicaid: Increase in the Average Private Pay Rate for Nursing Facilities

Reason for Change: The Ohio Department of Aging has provided an updated average private pay rate for nursing facilities. The new rate is effective September 1, 2016.

Prior Policy: The previous average private pay rate, last updated in 2014, was \$6,327.

New Policy: The updated average private pay rate for nursing facilities is \$6,570.

Action Required: A new period of restricted coverage is **not** computed for individuals currently in a penalty period. The CDJFS should not re-compute an improper transfer penalty period unless there is new information regarding the improper transfer (e.g. the resource was returned to the individual). The original notice that was issued to the consumer is still valid.

For new periods of restricted coverage calculated on or after September 1, 2016, the CDJFS is required to use the updated average private pay rate to calculate the penalty period.

An Ohio Benefits reference table has been updated to reflect this increase for recurring budgets effective September 1, 2016.