



**Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 146**

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2019

**OAC Rules:** 5160:1-6-06.5

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

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

**Reason for Change:** The Average Private Pay Rate (APPR) referenced in Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160:1-6-06.5 is updated every two years by the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University for the Ohio Department of Aging. The new rate is effective September 1, 2019.

**Prior Policy:** The previous average private pay rate, last updated in 2016, was \$6,570.

**New Policy:** The updated average private pay rate for nursing facilities is \$6,905.

**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, 2019, the CDJFS is required to use the updated average private pay rate to calculate the penalty period.

The applicable Ohio Benefits reference table has been updated to reflect this increase for restricted coverage calculations that occur on or after September 1, 2019.

The information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

**Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Medicaid Policy > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL)**

<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODM-Guidance#161542-medicaid-policy>