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Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL) No. 181

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OAC Rule: 5160:1-6-06.5

To: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services
Other Interested Parties

From: Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2024 Average Private Pay Rate (APPR) for Nursing Facilities

Reason for Change: The monthly 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, 2024.

Prior Policy: The previous monthly average private pay rate, last updated in 2022, was \$7,453.

New Policy: The updated monthly average private pay rate for nursing facilities, effective September 1, 2024, is \$7,787.

Action Required: A new period of restricted Medicaid 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 individual is still valid.

For new months of restricted coverage that will take effect for the budget month of September 2024 or later, 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 recurring budgets effective September 1, 2024.

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

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