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TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

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SUBJECT: MA Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods Effective January 1, 1996

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996

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This is to notify districts of the 1996 regional rates which must be used to determine the Medical Assistance (MA) transfer of assets penalty period in accordance with 96 ADM-8. These rates are based on the actual average nursing home cost for each of the seven regions in the State, rather than 120% of the MA rate, as has been used in the past.

These rates must be used when determining the penalty period for institutionalized persons who applied for MA coverage on or after January 1, 1996. Districts must recalculate a penalty period for persons who were in receipt of nursing facility level of care or home and community-based waived services under section 1915(c) or (d) of the Social Security Act on or after January 1, 1996 if the 1995 regional rates were used to establish a penalty period. Districts must use Attachment II of 93 ADM-27, "Notice of Change in Limited Coverage Period for Institutionalized Persons", to notify clients of the revised calculations.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Monthly Regional Rate</u>
Central	\$4,536
Long Island	\$6,790
New York City	\$6,521
Northeastern	\$4,810
Northern Metropolitan	\$5,930
Rochester	\$4,852
Western	\$4,380