

**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Regional Rates for Calculating Transfer Penalty Periods  
for 2006

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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This is to inform local districts of the year 2006 Medicaid regional rates which must be used to determine a transfer of assets penalty period in accordance with 96 ADM-8, "OBRA '93 Provisions on Transfers and Trusts." These rates are based on average nursing home costs in each of the seven regions in the State.

The regional rates are:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Monthly Regional Rate</b>
Central	\$6,232
Long Island	\$9,842
New York City	\$9,132
Northeastern	\$6,872
Northern Metropolitan	\$8,724
Rochester	\$7,375
Western	\$6,540

Reminder: Districts must use the rate for the region in which the facility is located or, if the applicant/recipient is not institutionalized, the rate for the region in which the individual resides.