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Attachment 1

Memorandum To: Administrators of Long-Term Care Facilities

From: Michael Klejman
Regional Director
Central East Region

Date: June 26, 2003

RE: July 1, 2003 Increase in the Per Diem Rates for Nursing and Personal Care, Program and Support Services, Raw Food, and Other Accommodation

This is to advise you of per diem funding increases to the Nursing and Personal Care, Program and Support Services, Raw Food and Other Accommodation funding envelopes effective July 1, 2003:

The per diem rate for the Nursing and Personal Care funding envelope will be increased by \$1.75 for a facility with a Case Mix Index (CMI) of 100;

The per diem rate for the Program and Support Services funding envelope will be increased by \$0.45;

The per diem rate for the Raw Food funding envelope will be increased by \$0.75; and

The per diem rate for the Other Accommodation funding envelope will be increased by \$0.92. \$0.47 of this \$0.92 increase is allocated for an increase in the staffing requirements for food handlers.

Please note that the Ministry is increasing the minimum requirement for food handlers from 0.4 hours per meal day to 0.42 hours. This new minimum requirement replaces the current standard in both the Long-Term Care Facility Program Manual and the long-term care facility regulations.

The new funding per diem rates for long-term care facilities are:

Funding Envelope	Current Per Diem	Increase in Per Diem Effective July 1, 2003	New Per Diem Effective July 1, 2003
Nursing and personal care (based on CMI 100)	\$61.20*	\$1.75	\$62.95*
Program and support services	\$5.47	\$0.45	\$5.92
Raw food	\$4.49	\$0.75	\$5.24
Other accommodation:			
Additional increase - \$0.45	\$41.08	\$0.92	\$42.00
Dietary staffing - \$0.47			
2003/04 previously announced increase		\$0.93**	\$0.93**
Total other accommodation	\$41.08	\$1.85	\$42.93
Total	\$112.24	\$4.80	\$117.04

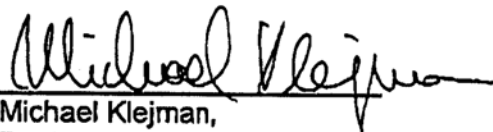
*The current base nursing and personal care per diem includes a per diem of \$1.01 for the Nursing Enhancement Fund.

**Administrators have already received a memorandum regarding the per diem rate increase of \$0.93 for the Other Accommodation funding envelope.

Funding for your facility will be adjusted in your July 2003 provincial monthly payment notice to reflect the per diem increases to the funding envelopes.

Should you require any further information or clarification, your Regional Finance Manager Bobby Crichton, would be pleased to assist you.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recognizes the importance of funding equalization for the long-term care facility sector. As you may know, the Ministry continues to work with sector representatives to achieve resolution on outstanding equalization issues.



Michael Klejman,
Regional Director

c: Bobby Crichton, Regional Finance Manager

