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Operations Memo 2014-37
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  Lydia Conley, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations

Re: EAEDC: 2014 Rest Home Public Per Diem Rate Changes

Overview

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), working through the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) issued new public per diem rates for Massachusetts rest homes, effective June 1, 2014. Additionally, rest homes were approved for a special per diem rate, effective May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

Purpose of Memo

This Operations Memo:

- advises staff of new Massachusetts rest home public per diem rates; and
- informs staff about the automated recalculation of clients' EAEDC benefits, using the updated rates.

This Operations Memo is informational. No case manager action is necessary.

Automated EAEDC Benefit Recalculations

Chia provided Central Office a list of Massachusetts rest homes with new public per diem rates effective May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014 and rates effective June 1, 2014 going forward.

**Automated
EAEDC Benefit
Recalculations
(continued)**

May 2014 Benefits:

On April 25, 2014, for each rest home on the list, MIS updated the Residential Facility tab on the Resource page in BEACON, with the rate effective May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

Beginning May 1, 2014, BEACON will select all active EAEDC clients who receive benefits in Living Arrangement E: Rest Homes in the specified rest home at the time of the selection. A recalculation of each client's benefits will be performed, according to the client's initial cyclical benefit date, using the May 2014 public per diem rate.

The Narrative tab will be annotated with the following: **"Rest Home per diem rates were updated for May 2014. Benefits were recalculated based on the new rates."**

An EBC notice will be sent to the client for May benefits. The notice will appear on the Tools tab in the Document History folder.

June 2014 Benefits:

Effective May 27, 2014, for each rest home on the list, MIS will add a new public per diem rate effective for June 1, 2014 and going forward, to the Residential Facility tab on the Resource page. BEACON will select all active EAEDC clients who receive benefits in Living Arrangement E: Rest Homes in the specified rest home at the time of the selection.

A recalculation of each client's benefits will be performed, according to the client's initial June cyclical benefit date, using the June 2014 public per diem rate.

The Narrative tab will be annotated with the following: **"Rest Home per diem rates were updated for June 2014. Benefits were recalculated based on the new rates."**

An EBC notice will be sent to the client for June 2014 benefits. The notice will appear on the Tools tab in the Document History folder.

**EAEDC Cases
Requiring
Manual
Calculation**

A small number of EAEDC rest home cases will not be able to be automatically recalculated. The Central Rest Home (CRH) unit staff are aware of these cases and responsible for completing manual recalculation of benefits when required. Contact CRH staff with questions about EAEDC rest home clients' benefits. CRH staff contact information is available on DTA Online under the Field Operations Organization Chart/Phone Numbers and Faxes.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
