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**To:** Skilled Nursing Facilities  
**From:** IEHP Provider Relations  
**Date:** May 12, 2023  
**Subject:** **Notice – APL 23-004 (Supersedes APL 22-018) – Skilled Nursing Facilities – Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care**

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IEHP would like to alert SNFs to the release of [APL 23-004 \(supersedes APL 22-018\), “Skilled Nursing Facilities – Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care.”](#) **This APL provides updated guidance on the administration of Long-Term Care (LTC) benefits for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.**

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2023, DHCS began requiring most non-dual and dual LTC Members receiving SNF services to be enrolled in a managed care plan (MCP) such as IEHP. Also, effective January 1, 2024, DHCS will require institutional LTC Members receiving institutional LTC services in a Subacute Care Facility or Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) to be enrolled in an MCP.

**Some of the updates articulated in APL 23-004 are:**

1. MCPs must cover Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) to Members, including those residing in a SNF.
2. **Clarification that the [Preadmission Screening and Resident Reviews \(PASRR\)](#) must be completed for all Members residing in or being admitted to a SNF.** MCPs are required to work with DHCS and Network Providers, including discharging facilities or admitting nursing facilities, to obtain documentation validating PASRR process completions.

**Additional details regarding the PASRR process will be included in a separate communication,** and the primary components are as follows:

- a. **For admissions from a community setting** - The PASRR must be completed by the SNF and submitted to IEHP along with the required admission packet.
- b. **For admissions from a General Acute Care Hospital (GACH)** - The GACH must complete the Preadmission Screening (PAS) and the SNF must ensure the PAS is completed prior to admission. Once completion is confirmed, the SNF must complete the Resident Review (RR) portion and then submit the PASRR to IEHP with the required admission packet.

3. **Further clarification that reimbursable SNF Services include:**
  - a. Room and Board
  - b. Nursing and related care services
  - c. Commonly used items of equipment, supplies and services as set forth in Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 51511(b).
  - d. Leave-of-absence days as set forth in Title 22 CCR 51535
  - e. Bed holds as set forth in Title 22 CCR section 51535.1
  
4. **Updated language states that Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) per-diem rates for SNF services are all-inclusive rates** that account for both skilled and custodial levels of care and are not tiered according to the level of care. Ancillary services are excluded from the services bundled under the Medi-Cal FFS per-diem rates.
  
5. **MCPs must identify an individual or set of individuals to serve as the liaisons for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Providers, including SNFs**, to assist in addressing claims and payment inquiries and assist with care transitions among the LTSS Provider community to best support the Member's needs.

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