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Subject: Transfer of Assets Divisor

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- Eligibility Services - <http://ofs.hhsc.state.tx.us/mepd/mepd-bulletins.aspx>, and
- MEPD Handbook - http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/mepd_policy/index.htm.

Background

Chapter I, Section 5100 of the handbook contains policy for the calculation of the transfer penalty and the amount for the transfer of assets divisor. The current amount of the transfer of assets divisor is \$142.92 effective 09/01/2011 through 08/31/2013.

Policy/Procedure Update

The Rate Analysis for Long Term Services & Supports Unit at the Department of Aging and Disabilities Services has determined the new rate based on the current average daily private-pay cost in a nursing home. The new transfer of assets divisor amount is **\$156.34**. The transfer calculator on the OSS website will also be updated by 09/01/2013 to reflect this change.

Automation

Automation changes are planned for Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS).

Handbook

The handbook will be updated with the December 2013 revision.

Training

MEPD New Hire Training and Continuing Skills Training will be updated to reflect this new update. TIERS trainings will also be updated.

Effective Date

The effective date of the change is 09/01/2013. Use \$156.34 in transfer penalty calculations for case actions on or after 09/01/2013, regardless of when the transfer occurred.