

2665 – LIM AU MEMBER IN A NURSING HOME BUDGETING

POLICY STATEMENT	A member of a LIM AU (caretaker, second eligible adult or a child) who is temporarily in a nursing facility may remain eligible for LIM benefits.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>If the nursing facility care is expected to be temporary, the individual can continue to be included in the LIM AU while in the nursing facility.</p> <p>If the nursing facility care is expected to be permanent, the individual is not considered to be living in the home and cannot be included in the LIM AU.</p> <p>When a LIM individual is admitted to a nursing facility, the facility will send a completed Form DMA-6, Physician’s Recommendation Concerning Skilled Nursing Home, Intermediate Care or Intermediate Care for the Mentally Retarded, to the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) for a Level of Care (LOC) recommendation.</p>
PROCEDURES	<p>Refer to procedures outlined in Section 2172, LIM Individual in a Nursing Home, to determine if the AU member requires temporary or permanent nursing home care.</p> <p>Follow the steps below if it is determined that the LIM AU member was admitted to the nursing facility for temporary care.</p> <p>Step 1 Determine LIM eligibility for all AU members, including the individual in the nursing facility as if s/he were in the home.</p> <p>Step 2 Authorize the vendor payment to the nursing facility if the individual is LIM-eligible. Refer to budgeting procedures in this section. Fax a copy of the DMA-59 to the DMA Member Services and Policy Section at (404)463-2538.</p> <p>Step 3 Notify the AU of the eligibility decision.</p>

**PROCEDURES
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Budgeting Procedures	Follow the budgeting steps below.
Step 1	Determine the number of eligible individuals to include in the AU, including the AU member in the nursing facility.
Step 2	Reduce the number of individuals in the Gross Income Ceiling (GIC) test by one and add \$44 to the amount to include the needs of the AU member in the nursing facility.
Step 3	Reduce the number of individuals in the Standard of Need (SON) test by one and add \$24 to include the needs of the AU member in the nursing facility.
Step 4	Follow regular LIM budgeting procedures.
Step 5	Authorize the vendor payment to the nursing facility.
Permanent Care or SSI-Eligible	If it is determined that the AU member was admitted to the nursing facility for permanent care, remove the individual from the LIM AU and determine eligibility under an ABD COA.