

2172 - LIM INDIVIDUALS IN A NURSING HOME

POLICY STATEMENT	LIM Individual in a Nursing Home (LIM-NH) provides Medicaid to an individual who is temporarily receiving treatment in a nursing facility.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>A member of a LIM AU who is temporarily receiving treatment in a nursing facility remains eligible for Medicaid.</p> <p>An approved level of nursing home care (skilled, intermediate or intermediate care for the mentally retarded) must be obtained from the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) before DMA will assume the cost of nursing home care.</p> <p>Level of care is obtained by sending Form DMA-6 completed by the physician to GMCF for a level of care approval. This process is initiated by the nursing home when the LIM individual is admitted for care.</p> <p>The eligibility worker (EW) determines whether the nursing home placement will be temporary or permanent. This decision should be based on the length of stay indicated on the DMA-6, statements from family members, the nursing facility, physician, etc. and any other information available to the EW. Generally, any nursing home admission with an expected duration of less than six (6) months is considered temporary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the care is expected to be temporary, the individual must remain in the original LIM AU.• If the care is expected to be permanent, remove the individual from the LIM AU and determine eligibility under an ABD Medicaid COA.

PROCEDURES**Step 1**

Follow the steps below to determine Medicaid eligibility of a LIM AU member who is temporarily in a nursing facility.

Determine whether the expected duration of the nursing home placement will be temporary or permanent. Refer to Chart 2172.1 to determine appropriate action.

CHART 2172.1, REQUIRED ACTION BASED ON DURATION OF PLACEMENT	
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admission is expected to be temporary (generally, less than 6 months)	determine eligibility for LIM of the individual in the nursing home as if s/he were in the family home. Approve vendor payment for the nursing facility. Notify the AU, the nursing facility and DMA. No income shall be applied to the billing rate or maximum vendor payment.
admission is expected to be permanent (generally, longer than 6 months)	remove the individual from the LIM AU. Complete an eligibility determination under ABD Medicaid and authorize a nursing home vendor payment, if eligible.
Individual in the nursing home becomes SSI eligible	Remove the individual from the LIM AU and authorize a nursing home vendor payment under an ABD Medicaid COA.

**PROCEDURES
(cont.)****Step 2**

Inform the applicant and/or responsible party of the SSI program possibility for the individual in the nursing home.

Step 3

Document the case decision in the LIM record.