

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 care is required for LIM individual in a nursing home. A Form DMA 59, Authorization of Nursing Facility Reimbursement, signed by the administrator of the facility confirms that an A/R is in an approved level of care. Refer to Chart 2240.1, Verifying Level of Care, for additional information concerning an A/R in a nursing home.</p> <p>The eligibility worker (EW) determines whether the nursing home placement will be temporary or permanent. This decision is based on statements from the nursing facility, physicians, family members, and any other relevant 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 may 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

- Follow the steps below to determine Medicaid eligibility of a LIM AU member who is temporarily in a nursing facility.
- Step 1** Obtain a signed Form DMA 59 from the nursing facility.
- Step 2** 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	
IF THE	THEN
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. Refer to Section 2576 for vendor payment authorization instructions. Notify the AU, the nursing facility and DMA. A copy of the DMA-59 should be faxed to the DMA Member Services and Policy Section at (404)463-2538. 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
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- Step 3** Inform the applicant and/or personal representative (PR) that s/he may qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) while in the nursing facility.
- Step 4** Document the case decision in the LIM record.