



Joint Hearing of the
Senate Committee on State Affairs
and
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Services

Medicaid Long Term Care Eligibility

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Medicaid LTC Eligibility Requirements

Type of case	Income	Resources
Individual	\$1,809	\$2,000
Couple	\$3,618	\$3,000

Transfer of Assets

- **Longer look-back period** – for any transfer on or after 2/8/2006, the look-back period is 60 months from the application file date. During the implementation phase of this policy change, the 36 month look-back period is in effect until February 28, 2009. The 60 month look-back period will be phased in, until February 2011, when all transfers will require a 60 month look-back period.
- **Penalty start date** – the first day of the month Medicaid eligibility is effective. Previous policy started the penalty the first day of the month of the transfer.

Long Term Care Asset Reform

- Promissory note, loan or mortgage may be considered a transfer of assets if certain conditions are not met
- Life estate will be considered a transfer unless the purchaser resides in the home for at least 1 year after purchase
- Home equity is limited to \$500,000, previous policy had no limit
- **Daily transfer penalty = \$117.08**

Long Term Care Caseload

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Skilled Nursing Facility	6,078	6,315	6,626	6,936
Nursing Facility	57,907	58,328	58,287	58,272