

# MEDICAID-APPROVED NURSING HOME ADJUSTMENTS

## Answer Key

The instructor is to review the scenarios with the trainees and provide the answers to the associated questions.

1. **From the CPKM, navigate to the Medicaid Nursing Home website. Search your zip code and write down two Nursing Homes that are listed.**

This is a good exercise in showing the VSRs where to find the website in the CPKM. Navigate to the website, and ask for a volunteer to list their answers. Pull up the zip code in front of the class and check the nursing homes listed.

Reference: M21-1, Part V, Subpart iii, 3.3.a.

2. **A Veteran submits an original claim for Improved Pension with A/A on April 16, 2017. On his application, he states he is currently married but lives apart from his wife because he resides in a nursing home. He has applied for Medicaid as of April 1, 2016. Is the Veteran eligible for the \$90 reduction? Why or why not? If so, what date would the reduction take place?**

The Veteran is NOT eligible for the \$90 reduction because he has a spouse. Whether or not they live together or apart does not matter when reducing due to Medicaid status since the spouse is still considered a dependent.

See references: 38 CFR 3.551 (i), M21-1, V.iii.3.1.a

3. **A surviving spouse with a running award is currently being paid at the maximum rate with A/A and no dependents. On August 30, 2017 she submitted a VA Form 21-0779 from her nursing home stating that she is now on Medicaid as August 1, 2017. You work the EP 135 on October 3, 2017. What actions should you take?**

Confirm Medicaid status as per V.iii.3.4.h. Clear EP 135 and send due process, cest EP 600, per V.iii.3.6.c.

4. **What sources of notification can the VA accept in regards to a beneficiary's Medicaid Nursing Home status?**

VA Form 21-0779, VA Form 21-0820b, letter or statement signed by the claimant that, phone call from claimant, fiduciary, VSO or social worker.

5. **True or False: A state-run nursing home that houses Veterans is not eligible for the \$90 monthly pension rate.**

True. Reference: M21-1, V.iii.3.3.b. and 38 CFR 3.551(1).