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Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 3M$.

Prove that the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \sqrt{\frac{a+1}{2(b+c+2)}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+1}{2(c+a+2)}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+1}{2(a+b+2)}} \geq 3$$

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Here,
$$\sqrt{\frac{a+1}{2(b+c+2)}} = \frac{a+1}{\sqrt{2(a+1)(b+c+2)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2(a+1)}{2a+b+c+4}$$

Let $S := a + b + c = 3M$. Thus it suffices to prove that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{S-a} + \frac{2a+2}{S+a+4} \right) \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{S-a} + \frac{2a+2}{S+a+4} - 1 \right) \geq 0$$

Notice that:
$$\frac{a}{S-a} + \frac{2a+2}{S+a+4} - 1 = \frac{(S+2)(2a-b-c)}{(S-a)(S+a+4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{S-a} + \frac{2a+2}{S+a+4} - 1 \right) &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(S+2)(2a-b-c)}{(S-a)(S+a+4)} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} (a-b)(S+2) \left(\frac{1}{(S-a)(S+a+4)} - \frac{1}{(S-b)(S+b+4)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{cyc} (a-b)(S+2) \left[\frac{(S-b)(S+b+4) - (S-a)(S+a+4)}{(S-a)(S-b)(S+a+4)(S+b+4)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{cyc} (a-b)(S+2) \left[\frac{(a-b)(a+b+4)}{(S-a)(S-b)(S+a+4)(S+b+4)} \right] = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-b)^2(S+2)(a+b+4)}{(S-a)(S-b)(S+a+4)(S+b+4)} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c = M$.