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If
$$x, y, z \ge -\frac{1}{2}$$
 such that $x + y + z = -\frac{3}{4}$ and

 $\lambda \geq \frac{5}{4}$ then find the maximum value of

$$P = \sum_{xyz} \frac{2x+1}{4x^2+4x+\lambda}$$

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Since 2x + 1, 2y + 1, $2z + 1 \ge 0$, then we have

$$P = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2x+1}{\left[(2x+1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right] + \left(\lambda - \frac{5}{4}\right)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2x+1}{(2x+1) + \left(\lambda - \frac{5}{4}\right)} = \sum_{cyc} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda - \frac{5}{4}}{2x + \lambda - \frac{1}{4}}\right)$$

$$= 3 - \left(\lambda - \frac{5}{4}\right) \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2x + \lambda - \frac{1}{4}} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 3 - \frac{9\left(\lambda - \frac{5}{4}\right)}{2(x + y + z) + 3\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{4}\right)} =$$

$$= 3 - \frac{9\left(\lambda - \frac{5}{4}\right)}{-\frac{3}{2} + 3\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{4}\right)} = \frac{6}{4\lambda - 3},$$

so the maximum value of P is $\frac{6}{4\lambda - 3}$, for $x = y = z = -\frac{1}{4}$.