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Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 23-12

TO: All DC Home Health Agency (HHA) Medicaid Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

DATE: January 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Home Health Agency Living Wage Rate Changes Effective January 1, 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify providers of changes to the reimbursement rates for Home Health Aide services and changes to the current enhanced reimbursement rates for Home Health Aide services due to COVID-19 ([Transmittal # 22-20](#)), to reflect the increase in the Living Wage. The reimbursement rates are adjusted to reflect the annual rate changes to the Living Wage Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118; D.C. Official Code § 2-220.01 *et seq.* (2012 Repl.)). **The change to the rates was effective January 1, 2023.** Providers must resubmit claims for services rendered on or after January 1, 2023, to receive the updated reimbursement rates.

The table below provides both the billing code and the new rate for PCA services. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for the PCA services is located on the DHCF website at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload>.

		Reimbursement Rate
Code	Service Description	Effective Date: 1/1/2023
T1004	HOME HEALTH AIDE (HHA)	\$ 24.04 Per Hour, \$6.01 per 15 minutes

Enhanced Billing & Reimbursement Reflects Living Wage Changes

The temporary enhanced reimbursement rate, procedure code, and modifier are outlined in the separate table below for Home Health Aide services. To receive the enhanced reimbursement rate, providers must submit claims with the correct procedure codes and modifier combinations.

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		Reimbursement Rate
Code	Service Description	Effective Date: 1/1/2023
T1004 CR U1	Temporary Enhanced Rate for HOME HEALTH AIDE	\$ 36.04 Per Hour, \$9.01 per 15 minutes

Contact

DHCF will continue to provide updates to this information as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Samuel Woldeghiorgis, Associate Director, Office of Rates & Reimbursements, at Samuel.Woldeghiorgis@dc.gov or 202-442-9240.

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