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

FROM: Melisa Byrd
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DATE: June 28, 2023

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

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify Home Health Agency (HHA) providers of changes to the reimbursement rates for personal care aide (PCA) services provided by the HHA and changes to the current enhanced reimbursement rates for PCA services due to COVID-19 ([Transmittal # 23-05](#)), to reflect the increase in the Living Wage. The PCA services 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 changes to the rates will become effective July 1, 2023.**

The table below provides a listing of both the billing codes and new rates 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>.

Code	Service Description	Reimbursement Rate
T1019-NP	State Plan	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-UT	Personal Care Aide Services	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-52	Personal Care Service Per 15 Min	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-U3	EPD Waiver Services Per 15 Min	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-NP-U3	EPD Waiver Services Per 15 Min	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-UT-U3	Assessed And Services Being Terminated	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019-52-U3	Assessed And Services Being Terminated	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes
T1019- X1-U1	PDS Sick Time	\$ 24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 minutes

Enhanced Billing & Reimbursement Reflects Living Wage Changes

The temporary enhanced reimbursement rates, procedure codes, and modifiers are outlined in the separate tables below for HHA services. To receive the enhanced reimbursement rates, HHA providers must submit claims with the correct procedure codes and modifier combinations. These rates are effective through November 11th, 2023, when the enhanced rates due to the Public Health Emergency end.

Service Description	Procedure Code	Overtime Modifier	Overtime Rate	Quarantine d Modifier	Quarantined Rate	Quarantined Overtime Modifier	Quarantined Overtime Rate
PCA - State Plan Services per 15 Min	T1019	CR	\$37.12 per hour, \$9.28 per 15 minutes	CR-U1	\$37.12 per hour, \$9.28 per 15 minutes	CR-U2	\$55.68 per hour, \$13.92 per 15 minutes
PCA - EPD Waiver Services per 15 Min	T1019	CR-U3	\$37.12 per hour, \$9.28 per 15 minutes	CR-U1	\$37.12 per hour, \$9.28 per 15 minutes	CR-U2	\$55.68 per hour, \$13.92 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 the Deputy Director, Office of Rates Reimbursement and Financial Analysis, Department of Health Care Finance, at 441 4th Street, Suite 900S, Washington, DC 20001, or email samuel.woldeghiorgis@dc.gov or via telephone at (202) 442-9240.

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