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114.3 CMR 9.00: Independent Living Services for the Personal Care Attendant Program

Effective January 1, 2016

Update to the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Wage and Employer Expense Component Rates

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is issuing this Administrative Bulletin under the authority of 114.3 CMR 9.01(5) to clarify the substantive provisions of 114.3 CMR 9.00 and to notify interested parties of payment updates pursuant to 114.3 CMR 9.01(4).

Effective January 1, 2016, there are two additional service codes for PCA services. A service code for PCA Overtime (Code: 99509-TU) and a service code for Same-Day PCA Travel Time (Code: A0170). The rates associated with these codes are based on the current PCA Wage and Employer Expense Components effective July 1, 2015, and which are included below for reference.

PCA Wage Component and Employer Expense Components Effective January 1, 2016

Code	Modifier	Rate	Unit	Description
99509	TU	\$0.13	1 minute	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care. (Use this code and modifier to bill for overtime. Per 1 minute, special payment rate). (Current P.A. for PCA services required for each member.)
A0170		\$0.26	1 minute	Transportation ancillary (Use this code to bill for Same-Day Travel Time for PCA services, per 1 minute). (Current P.A. for PCA services required for each member.)

PCA Wage and Employer Expenses Components effective July 1, 2015

Wage Component	PCA Rate (Hourly)	Premium Pay Rate for Overtime and Holidays (Hourly)
PCA Gross Wage Component	\$13.68	\$20.52
Employer Expense Component	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.76
Total Class Rate	\$15.52	\$23.28

