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101 CMR 309.00: Rates for Certain Services for the Personal Care Attendant Program

Effective July 1, 2021

Update to Certain Rates for Personal Care Attendant Services

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is issuing this Administrative Bulletin pursuant to 101 CMR 309.01(6) to clarify the substantive provisions of the rates for personal care attendant (PCA) services contained in 101 CMR 309.03(5) provided to MassHealth members. Specifically, the rates for PCA services are being updated in accordance with 101 CMR 309.03(5)(a) to align with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2021.

Below are the rates of payment for PCA services, inclusive of the wage component and the employer expense component, effective on July 1, 2021.

PCA Rates Effective July 1, 2021:

Code	Modifier	Rate	Unit	Service Description
T1019		\$4.54	15 minutes	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/ID or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant) (P.A.) (Use this code to bill for PCA services provided during day or night.)



Code	Modifier	Rate	Unit	Service Description
T1019	TU	\$2.27	15 minutes	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/ID or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant) Special payment rate, overtime (P.A.) (Use this code and modifier to bill for premium pay for overtime.)
T1019	TV	\$2.27	15 minutes	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/ID, or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant) Special payment rate, holidays (P.A.) (Use this code and modifier to bill for premium pay for holidays.)
99509	U2	\$4.54	15 minutes	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care. (personal care services, per 15 minutes) (Use this code and modifier to bill for PCA paid earned time.) (Current P.A. for PCA services required for each member.)
99509	U3	\$72.60	Per diem	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care. (personal care services) (Use this code and modifier to bill for PCA new hire orientation, per diem, per eligible PCA.)
99509	TU	\$0.16	1 minute	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care. (personal care services) (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		\$0.31	1 minute	Transportation ancillary: parking fees, tolls, other. (Use this code to bill for travel time for PCA services, per 1 minute.) (Current P.A. for PCA services required for each member.)

Explanation of PCA Rates Effective July 1, 2021:

PCA Rate Component	PCA Rate (Hourly)	Premium Pay Rate for Overtime and Premium Holiday Rate (Hourly)
PCA Wage Component	\$16.10	\$24.15
Employer Expense Component	\$2.05	\$3.08
Total PCA Rate	\$18.15	\$27.23