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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN STATEWIDE METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR SETTING PAYMENT RATES

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Rates for MassHealth Personal Care Attendant Services

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: MassHealth Proposed Rate Changes for Personal Care Attendant Services
Effective July 1, 2021.

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES: The following are proposed changes to rates for personal care attendant (PCA) services effective for dates of service provided on or after July 1, 2021.

Service Name or Description	Previous Rate		Rate Effective July 1, 2021	
	Per unit	Per hour	Per unit	Per hour
PCA Services	\$4.45 15 min	\$17.80	\$4.54 15 min	\$18.15
Add-on for Premium Pay for Overtime and Holidays ¹	\$2.23 15 min	\$8.90	\$2.27 15 min	\$9.08
Earned Paid Time	\$4.45 15 min	\$17.80	\$4.54 15 min	\$18.15
New Hire Orientation	\$71.20 per diem	\$17.80	\$72.60 per diem	\$18.15
Add-on for Overtime	\$0.15 1 min	\$8.90	\$0.16 1 min	\$9.08
Travel Time	\$0.30 1 min	\$17.80	\$0.31 1 min	\$18.15

The proposed rates noted above include the PCA wage and the employer expense component, which includes employer required taxes and workers' compensation insurance. The proposed increase in rates is pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the PCA union (1199 SEIU) and in accordance with 101 CMR 309.00: *Rates for Certain Services for the Personal Care Attendant Program*.

¹ Holidays: January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving day, December 25

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The estimated annual aggregate state expenditures as a result of the above changes to PCA rates effective July 1, 2021, is \$11,581,252.63.

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