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August 30, 2018

Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director Minnesota Department of Human Services P.O. Box 64983 St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #18-0007	Payment rate increase for personal care assistant services provided to certain Medicaid beneficiaries with complex needs			
	Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	Approval Date: August 30, 2018			

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at <u>Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruth A. Hughes Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, DHS Sean, Barrett, DHS

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 Personal care services.

Payment is the lower of the submitted charge or the rate from the chart below.

Service provided	4/1/2014	7/1/2014	7/1/2015*	7/1/2016	8/1/2017
on or after					
Personal Care 1:1 unit	\$3.96	\$4.16	\$4.27	\$4.28	\$4.35
Personal Care 1:2 unit	\$2.97	\$3.12	\$3.20	\$3.21	\$3.26
Personal Care 1:3 unit	\$2.61	\$2.74	\$2.81	\$2.82	\$2.86
Supervision of Personal Care unit	\$6.96	\$7.31	\$7.50	\$7.52	\$7.64

NOTE: 1 unit = 15 minutes

* The Department will reduce payment by .5% for providers that fail to submit a quality improvement plan.

Shared care: For two recipients sharing services, payment is one and one-half times the payment for serving one recipient. For three recipients sharing services, payment must not exceed two times the payment for serving one recipient. This paragraph applies only to situations in which all recipients were present and received shared services on the date for which the service is billed.

PCA Choice option: Payment is the same as that paid for personal care assistant services.

Enhanced payment for services provided to persons with complex needs: Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2018, the Department will increase payment by 5% above the current payment rate for personal care assistant services provided to a recipient whose assessment indicates the need for at least 12 hours of personal care services per day. In order for providers to receive the increased payment rate, the personal care assistant providing services must have completed training approved by the Commissioner. This increase does not apply to supervision of a personal care assistant.