

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

SERVICES INCLUDED: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, January 1 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to submit a state plan amendment to increase reimbursement for the Sections listed below. These January 1 increases are in accordance with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) that will equal up to 2.54% above the rates currently in effect and are pursuant to 22 MRSA Section 3173-J and as directed by Maine P.L. 2021, ch. 398, Part AAAA to ensure that the labor components of rates for these services continue to equal at least 125% of Maine minimum wage.

COLA Rate Adjustments: MaineCare Benefits Manual Sections and Services	
Section 2	Adult Family Care Services
Section 12	Consumer Directed Attendant
Section 13	Targeted Case Management Services
Section 17	Community Support Services
Section 26	Day Health Services
Section 28	Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations
Section 65	Behavioral Health Services
Section 92	Behavioral Health Home Services
Section 96	Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

Additionally, Section 96 - Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services caps will also be increased proportional to the amount increase provided for COLAs to ensure continued access to medically necessary services.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: All changes are pursuant to 22 MRSA Section 3173-J and 22 MRSA Section 7402.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that this change will be cost \$11,718,853 in federal fiscal year 2024 which includes \$7,675,653 in federal funds and \$4,043,200 in state funds, and will cost \$15,901,154 in federal fiscal year 2025 which includes \$10,285,894 in federal funds and \$5,615,260 in state funds for.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.