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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Anthony Marple, Director, MaineCare Services

SUBJECT: Final Rule: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

Background to this rulemaking: In June 2010, as part of the effort to standardize rates and use HIPAA compliant codes in MIHMS, a rate of $11.07 per 15 minute unit for RN services was adopted for Section 96 services. On October 28, 2010, the Department adopted an emergency rule, with a rate of $9.25 per 15 minute unit for RN services.

This rulemaking: The Department adopts this final rule with the following changes: the 15 minute rate for RN services is $10.58, (an increase to the proposed rate of $9.25), due to comments received during rulemaking. Some providers and recipients were concerned that the proposed rate of $9.25 for RN services was too low and therefore some providers would refuse to provide services at this rate. The Department believes that this higher rate can be achieved while maintaining cost neutrality. The rule also makes changes to the titles of some services, in order to comply with the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

A public hearing was held on December 6, 2010. The comment deadline was December 16, 2010.

Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/provider_rules_policies.html or, for a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of rules by calling 207-287-9368. For those who are deaf or hard of hearing and have a TTY machine, the TTY number is 1-800-606-0215.

A copy of the public comments and Department responses can be viewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website or obtained by calling 207-287-9368 or TTY: (207) 287-1828 or 1-800-606-0215.

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Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption

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

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 9, 2011

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	PROCEDURE CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	AMOUNT
	T1002	RN services	15 minutes	$10.58
	0551			
Updated: 01/09/11	T1003	LPN Services	15 minutes	$6.32
	0559			
	T1004	Home Health Aide/ Certified Nursing Assistant Services	15 minutes	$4.30
	0571			
	T1019	Personal Support Services (PSS)	15 minutes	$3.75
	0589			
	T1019	Personal Support Services (PSS) – (for PCA Agencies only)	15 minutes	$3.75
	S5125 TF	PCA Supervisit	15 minutes	$4.40
	0589			
	S5125TF	PCA Supervisit (for PCA Agencies only)	15 minutes	$4.40
Updated: 01/09/11	S5125	Personal Support Services (FPSO)	15 minutes	$3.39
	H2014	Skills Training (FPSO only)	15 minutes	$14.03
	T1002 TT	RN services – multiple patients	15 minutes	$6.94
	0551			
Updated: 01/09/11	T1003 TT	LPN/LVN services – multiple patients	15 minutes	$4.74
	0559			

PROCEDURE CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	AMOUNT
S5120	Chore Services	15 minutes	$2.30
T1502	Administration of oral, intramuscular and/or subcutaneous medication	Per visit	$6.32
G9001	Care Coordination Service(Initial Visit)	15 minutes	$17.00
G9002	Care Coordination, Service (Maintenance Visit)	15 minutes	$17.00
T1000 TD	Independent RN	15 minutes	$8.17
T1000 TD TT	Independent RN, Multiple Patients	15 minutes	$6.13

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