DATE: April 18, 2016

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Stefanie Nadeau, Director, MaineCare Services

SUBJECT: Adopted Rule: 10-144 C.M.R., ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services

This letter gives notice of an adopted rule: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services.

The Department adopts this rule to comply with Resolves 2015, Chapter 50, To Increase the Reimbursement for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs, which provides funding and requires the Department to increase the reimbursement rates for Attendant Care Services provided under Chapter III, Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services. The Department has increased the rate to $2.93 per quarter hour. The Department is seeking approval from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a State Plan Amendment for this change. If CMS approves, the increased rates will be effective retroactive to October 1, 2015, per 22 M.R.S. §42(8). The Department published a notice of change in reimbursement methodology, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §447.205, on September 30, 2015.

In addition to the rate increase, the Department removed from Chapter III, Section 12 references to Levels I, II, and III for Attendant Care Services (procedure codes S5125, S5125 TF, and S5125 TC), since a single procedure code (S5125 U2) is used for all three levels of service. The three levels of care are based on the hours of need, as determined by the assessment process, and they remain referenced in Chapter II, Section 12.

Finally, the Department removed the reference to the Maine Integrated Health Management Solution (MIHMS), which was implemented on September 1, 2010. Procedure codes H2014, G9001, and G9002 have not been utilized since that time.

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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: 10-144 C.M.R., ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER:

CONCISE SUMMARY: This adopted rule increases the reimbursement rate for Attendant Care Services under Chapter III, Section 12 to $2.93 per quarter hour. This increase is a result of Resolves 2015, Chapter 50, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs. The Department is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for this rate increase, with an effective date retroactive to October 1, 2015.

In addition to the rate increase, outdated procedures codes (S5125, S5125 TF and S5125 TG) have been removed from Chapter III, since a single procedure code (S5125 U2) is used for all three levels of service. The three levels of care are based on hours of need, as determined by the assessment process, and remain referenced in Chapter II, Section 12.

References to the Maine Integrated Health Management Solution (MIHMS), which was implemented on September 1, 2010, have also been removed from Chapter III. Procedure codes H2014, G9001, and G9002 have not been utilized since that time.


EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2016

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Effective retroactive to 10/1/15 if CMS approves.