July 29, 2009

TO:   Interested Parties

FROM:  Anthony Marple, Director, MaineCare Services

SUBJECT:   Proposed Rule: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 22, Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Physical Disabilities

This letter gives notice of a proposed rule: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 22, Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Physical Disabilities.

The Department proposes to adjust the rates for personal care attendant services under this section. Specifically, the rate will increase from $2.57 to $2.61 per fifteen minutes. This additional amount can now receive Federal match under MaineCare. In addition, this rate is now consistent with the personal care attendant rates reimbursed under Section 12 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual. A public hearing is scheduled for August 17, 2009.

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 1-800-423-4331.

A concise summary of the proposed rule is provided in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal. This notice also provides information regarding the rule-making process. Please address all comments to the agency contact person identified in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal.
Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare Services

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 22, Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Physical Disabilities

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department proposes to adjust the rates for personal care attendant services under this section. Specifically, the proposal increases the rate from $2.57 to $2.61 per fifteen minutes. This is being proposed because the rate that was adopted in March 2009 did not adjust for the total amount of state funds allocated for the program. In order to claim full Federal match for this program, this rate needs to be adjusted an additional four cents. In addition, this rate is now consistent with the personal care attendant rates reimbursed under Section 12 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.


THIS RULE WILL ___ WILL NOT __ HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A., §§ 42, 3173

PUBLIC HEARING:

Date: August 17th at 1 PM
Location: Conference Room # 4
Department of Health and Human Services
Office of MaineCare Services
442 Civic Center Drive
Augusta, ME

Any interested party requiring special arrangements to attend the hearing must contact the agency person listed below before August 10, 2009.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: Comments must be received by midnight August 27, 2009

AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Alyssa Morrison, Health Planner
AGENCY NAME: Office of MaineCare Services
ADDRESS: 442 Civic Center Drive
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

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