

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

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

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 96 Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the monthly costs caps for Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services to account for recent reimbursement increases for certain Section 96 services.

The monthly cost caps will be as follows:

Level I	\$1,092
Level II	\$1,375
Level III	\$2,248
Level IV	\$4,041
Level V	\$27,420
Level VIII	\$938
Level IX	\$2,088

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: By increasing the cost caps, members will not face a reduction in services because of the increase in reimbursement.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The fiscal increase for this change has already been accounted for in the State Plan Amendment which increased the Section 96 rates.

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.