

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

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

SERVICES INCLUDED:

Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 12, Chapter III, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services; and

Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 96, Chapter III, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services;

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the rates of reimbursement for personal care and related services under both Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 12, Chapter III, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services, and Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 96, Chapter III, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services. The rates will be amended to reflect 100% of the final rates modeled in the February 1, 2016 report *Rate Review for Personal Care and Related Services: Final Rate Models* prepared by Burns & Associates, Inc.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: All changes are pursuant to P.L. 2017, ch. 459, *An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government*.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that this change will result in an aggregate increase of \$3,969,529 in SFY 2019.

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.