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<b>SUBJECT</b>  Medical Assistance Program Fee Increases for Private Duty/Shift Nursing Services to MA Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age	<b>BY</b>   Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISe-Enrollment.aspx>.

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that the Department of Human Services (Department) will increase fees for private duty/shift nursing services provided to Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries under 21 years of age, effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2022.

## **SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to providers enrolled in the MA Program who provide private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers who render private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age in the managed care delivery system should direct any fee-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

In accordance with section 1729-B of the Fiscal Code (P.L. 343, No. 176), as amended by Act 24 of 2021, the Department will increase the MA Program Fee Schedule rate for private duty/shift nursing services provided to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age by \$5.00 per hour. This fee increase will support continued access to these services by MA beneficiaries.

### **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

Fee-for-service provider service center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>

**PROCEDURE:**

Effective with dates of services on and after January 1, 2022, the Department will increase the fees for private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age as follows:

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current MA Fee</b>	<b>MA Fee Effective January 1, 2022</b>
S9123	Nursing care, in the home; by Registered Nurse, per hour	\$45.00	\$50.00
S9124	Nursing care, in the home; by Licensed Practical Nurse, per hour	\$45.00	\$50.00

The MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect these fee increases. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Department's website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/MA-Fee-Schedule.aspx>.