

NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Final Fee Schedule Rates for Personal Assistance Services (Agency) in the Medical Assistance Aging, Attendant Care, COMMCARE, Independence and OBRA Waivers and the Act 150 Program

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This notice announces the Department of Public Welfare's (Department) final fee schedule rates for Personal Assistance Services (Agency) in the Medical Assistance (MA) Aging, Attendant Care, COMMCARE, Independence and OBRA Waivers and the Act 150 Program under 55 Pa. Code § 52.45(a) and (b) (relating to fee schedule rates). Under 55 Pa. Code § 52.42(b) (relating to payment policies), the Department is also announcing the waivers in which Personal Assistance Services (Agency) are provided. The final rates for this service will be effective July 1, 2014.

Rate-Setting Methodology

The Department will use the same rate methodology for the fee schedule rates as that used in the public notice published at 42 Pa.B. 3343 (June 9, 2012).

Personal Assistance Services (Agency) Final Fee Schedule Rates

Region	Attendant Act		Procedure				Rate	Unit
	Aging	Care	150	CC	IW	OW		
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	W1793	\$4.38 15 min
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	W1793	\$4.87 15 min
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	W1793	\$4.58 15 min
4	X	X	X	X	X	X	W1793	\$4.88 15 min

CC = COMMCARE

IW = Independence OW = OBRA

Public Process

The Department published a notice announcing its proposed fee schedule rates for Personal Assistance Services (Agency) in the MA Aging, Attendant Care, COMMCARE, Independence and OBRA Waivers and the Act 150 Program at 44 Pa.B. 4058 (June 28, 2014) and invited

interested persons to submit comments. The Department received one comment through the public comment process in favor of the rate change.

Fiscal Impact

The Department anticipates that this change will result in a cost of \$8.911 million (\$4.214 million in State funds) in Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Aging Waiver—\$4.896 million (\$2.240 million in State funds); Attendant Care Waiver—\$0.867 million (\$0.414 million in State funds); Act 150 Program—\$0.220 million (\$0.220 million in State funds); COMMCARE Waiver—\$0.199 million (\$0.091 million in State funds); OBRA Waiver—\$0.457 million (\$0.209 million in State funds); and Independence Waiver—\$2.272 million (\$1.040 million in State funds).

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding this notice to the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Policy and Regulatory Management, Attention: Elaine Smith, P. O. Box 8025, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8025, RA-waiverstandard@pa.gov. Comments received within 30 days will be considered in subsequent revisions to the fee schedule.

Persons with a disability who require an auxiliary aid or service may submit comments using the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service by calling (800) 654-5984 (TDD users) or (800) 654-5988 (Voice users).

BEVERLY D. MACKERETH,
Secretary

Fiscal Note: 14-NOT-900. (1) General Fund;

(7) Home and Community-Based Services; (2) Implementing Year 2014-15 is \$2,240,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2015-16 through 5th Succeeding Year 2019-20 are \$2,240,000; (4) 2013-14 Program—\$225,008,000; 2012-13 Program—\$184,500,000; 2011-12 Program—\$175,162,000;

(7) Attendant Care; (2) Implementing Year 2014-15 is \$634,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2015-16 through 5th Succeeding Year 2019-20 are \$634,000; (4) 2013-14 Program—\$116,084,000; 2012-13 Program—\$107,830,000; 2011-12 Program—\$102,704,000;

(7) Services to Persons with Disabilities; (2) Implementing Year 2014-15 is \$1,340,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2015-16 through 5th Succeeding Year 2019-20 are \$1,340,000; (4) 2013-14 Program—\$233,104,000; 2012-13 Program—\$195,135,000; 2011-12 Program—\$163,987,000;

(8) recommends adoption. Funds have been included in the budget to cover this increase.

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