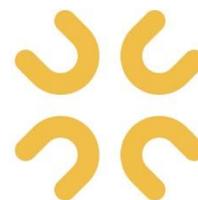


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Update: Temporary 5% Rate Increase for Personal Care Assistants (PCAs)

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement a temporary 5% increase on certain service rates to help address the ongoing workforce shortage. This is intended to support the retention and recruitment of staff who directly support people.

DHS informed managed care organizations that this temporary increase on current service rates applies to all Personal Care Assistant (PCA) provider claims for service dates April 1 to June 30, 2022. Please note: this rate increase applies to **personal care assistant** services utilizing the T1019 code, including all modifiers, except PCA supervision (T1019 UA).

UCare completed system updates and identified all PCA claims with dates of service between April 1 and June 28, 2022, received by June 28, and has reprocessed these claims.

Providers should see the enhanced payment on their July 8 remittance.

New claims received with date of service after June 28 will process with the 5% increase.

DHS is expected to share a list of PCA providers who did not return the required attestations. These providers are at risk of not retaining the enhanced revenue.