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NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Medical Assistance Fee Schedule Revisions in the OBRA Waiver and the Act 150 Program

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The Department of Human Services (Department) is announcing a change in the fee schedule rates for Personal Assistance Services (PAS) procedure codes W1792 and W1792 TU in the Medical Assistance (MA) OBRA Waiver and the Act 150 Program under 55 Pa. Code § 52.45(a) and (b) (relating to fee schedule rates).

The changes in the fee schedule rates for these services will be retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Rate-Setting Methodology

The Department's rate methodology for the fee schedule rates was published in a public notice at 42 Pa.B. 3343 (June 9, 2012). Fee schedule rates were developed using a standardized rate setting methodology. Relevant information used to determine the fee schedule rates included Commonwealth-specific wage information from the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, Occupational Wages by County, Bureau of Labor Statistics Employer Costs, cost surveys from providers, Medicare rate information and MA State Plan Fee Schedules.

The existing fee schedule rates for PAS (Consumer) and PAS (Consumer Overtime), procedure codes W1792 and W1792 TU, are increased with the intent to provide for a wage increase for direct care workers providing participant-directed PAS. The Department intends to use funds appropriated by the General Assembly in the General Appropriation Act of 2025. This increase is dependent on approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of an amendment to the OBRA Waiver.

Fee Schedule Rates

The following tables provide the rates for PAS procedure codes W1792 and W1792 TU:

PAS (Consumer)

Region	OBRA Waiver and Act 150	Procedure Code	Rate	Unit
1	X	W1792	\$4.18	15 minutes
2	X	W1792	\$4	15 minutes
3	X	W1792	\$4.37	15 minutes
4	X	W1792	\$4.90	15 minutes

PAS (Consumer Overtime)

Region	OBRA Waiver and Act 150	Procedure Code	Rate	Unit
1	X	W1792 TU	\$6.27	15 minutes
2	X	W1792 TU	\$6	15 minutes
3	X	W1792 TU	\$6.56	15 minutes
4	X	W1792 TU	\$7.35	15 minutes

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this change is estimated at \$1.069 million (\$0.987 million in State funds) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 and \$2.138 million (\$1.974 million in State funds) for FY 2026-2027.

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding these fee schedule rates to the Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Policy Development and Communications Management, Attention: Robyn Kokus, P.O. Box 8025, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8025. Comments can also be sent to 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 Hamilton Relay Service by dialing 711 or by using one of the following toll-free numbers: (800) 654-5984 (TDD users); (800) 654-5988 (voice users); (844) 308-9292 (Speech-to-Speech); or (844) 308-9291 (Spanish).

VALERIE A. ARKOOSH,
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Fiscal Note: 14-NOT-1712. Under section 612 of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 232), (1) General Fund; (2) Implementing Year 2025-26 is \$987,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2026-27 through 5th Succeeding Year 2030-31 are \$1,974,000; (4) 2024-25 Program—\$197,496,000; 2023-24 Program—\$188,374,000; 2022-23 Program—\$131,981,000; (7) MA—Long-Term Living; (8) recommends adoption. Funds have been included in the budget to cover this increase.

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