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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Transmittal No. 8

June 22, 2005

To: Department of Human Resources
Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Providers
The Coordinating Center

From: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Re: Fiscal Year 2006 Program Rate Increases

On July 1, 2005, payment rates will increase for certain services under the *Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices* Waiver program. The regulatory authority for these changes can be found in Regulation .29C(5) Payment Procedures under COMAR 10.09.55. Payment rates affected by this regulation will be increased by 2.5 percent on July 1, 2005. Attached is a list of revised payment rates for Fiscal Year 2006. **Providers may bill using the new rates for services provided on or after July 1, 2005.**

Please note that some waiver services are reimbursed in units of one hour and may not be rounded up to one hour for purposes of billing if less than one hour of service is provided. Additionally, please also be aware that provider travel time is not reimbursable by Medicaid.

Program fiscal staff will review billing documents for accuracy and authorization. Only services approved on the waiver participant's plan of service may be reimbursed. Documents with errors will be returned to the provider along with an explanation of the error. Payments for authorized waiver services covered under this program shall be considered as payments in full, and may not be supplemented by payment from other sources, such as the participant, family, public program, or private agency.

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to Tia Waddy, *Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices* Waiver Coordinator, at 410-767-5220.

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**Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Waiver
Payment Rates Effective July 1, 2005**

Service	Procedure Code	New Payment Rate
Attendant Care (consumer employed provider)	W4001	\$ 12.86 per hour
Attendant Care (agency provider)	W4000	\$ 16.43 per hour
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	W4008	Up to \$6,023.59 per 12 month period*
Personal Emergency Response System	W4010	Up to \$1, 095.20 per unit*
Personal Emergency Response System (with motion detector)	W4011	Up to \$1, 314.23 per unit*
Personal Emergency Response System (Monitoring)	W4012	\$ 45.00 per month
Personal Emergency Response System (Maintenance)	W4013	\$ 45.00 per month
Assistive Technology	W4015, W4016	Up to \$1,000 per unit* (\$6,023.59 per 12 month period)*
Consumer Training	W4006	\$ 38.88 per hour
Family Training (self-employed provider)	W4004	\$ 25.74 per hour
Family Training (agency provider)	W4003	\$ 37.52 per hour
Nursing Supervision (self-employed provider)	W4018	\$ 25.74 per hour
Nursing Supervision (agency provider)	W4017	\$ 37.52 per hour

Please note that other billing limitations apply, as specified in COMAR 10.09.55.

*The providers may bill the lesser of the amount approved by the State or the actual purchase price for the services, including installation (where applicable). Other restrictions apply as specified in COMAR 10.09.55.28.