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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Transmittal No. 7**
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To: *Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Providers*
Maryland Department of Human Resources
Waiver Case Managers
Susan J. Tucker

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 2005 Program Rate Increases

On July 1, 2004, payment rates will increase for certain services under the *Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices* program, also known as the Waiver for Adults with Physical Disabilities. The regulatory authority for these changes can be found in Regulation .29C(5) Payment Procedures under COMAR 10.09.55. The rates affected by this regulation will be increased on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:

- a.) 2.5 percent
- b.) Change in nursing facility rates; or
- c.) The change from September to September in the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Washington Baltimore area.

The average annual rate increase for nursing facility services and the CPI-U increase both exceed 2.5%; therefore the Fiscal Year 2005 payment rates reflect a 2.5% increase. Attached is a list of revised payment rates for Fiscal Year 2005. **Providers may bill using the new rates for services provided on or after July 1, 2004.**

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

Enclosure (1)



**Living at Home: Maryland Community Choices Waiver
Payment Rates Effective July 1, 2004**

Service	Procedure Code	New Payment Rate
Attendant Care (consumer employed provider)	W4001	\$ 12.55 per hour
Attendant Care (agency provider)	W4000	\$ 16.03 per hour
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	W4008	Up to \$5,876.67 per 12 month period*
Personal Emergency Response System	W4010	Up to \$1,068.49 per unit*
Personal Emergency Response System (with motion detector)	W4011	Up to \$1,282.18 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* (\$5,876.67 per 12 month period)*
Consumer Training	W4006	\$ 37.93 per hour
Family Training (self-employed provider)	W4004	\$ 25.11 per hour
Family Training (agency provider)	W4003	\$ 36.60 per hour
Nursing Supervision (self-employed provider)	W4018	\$ 25.11 per hour
Nursing Supervision (agency provider)	W4017	\$ 36.60 per hour

*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.