

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

State: Massachusetts

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

u. **Personal Care Services:****I. General Description of Payment Methodology**

The following section describes the methods and standards utilized by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to establish rates of payment for personal care attendant (PCA) services. These services are described under Supplements to Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B. Fee schedules are established as follows:

II. Fee Schedules

The fee schedules for Personal Care Attendant Services are established by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP) or successor agency. The fees published are effective as of October 1, 2012. The regulation, administrative bulletins, and fee schedules are published at http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/regs.html#114_3_9.

Effective October 1, 2012 the fee schedule used to pay for personal care services provided by Personal Care Attendant providers is \$3.59 per 15 minute unit, or \$14.36 per hour, inclusive of the PCA wage, employer required taxes, and workers' compensation insurance for PCA services provided during the day or night. Personal care attendants who are authorized by MassHealth to work overtime or work on one of four holidays (New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas) receive premium pay in addition to regular pay, equal to \$1.79 per 15 minute unit, or \$7.16 per hour, inclusive of employer required taxes and workers' compensation insurance.

The fee used for Transitional Living providers of personal care services is a provider specific rate established by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy or successor agency. Such regulations are entitled: Rates for Certain Social, Rehabilitation and other Health Care Services. The regulation is published at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/eohhs-regs/114-5-4.pdf>.

Each Transitional Living provider's rate is an all-inclusive per diem rate for the provision of personal care services and is based on an annual program budget, and delineates costs for direct care services and necessary administrative activities. Rate development for transitional living services includes the collection and review of service data maintained by the transitional living provider. Costs for room and board and other unallowable costs are excluded from the rate.

The table below contains the rates used for Transitional Living providers and the effective dates of the rates.

Provider	Per diem rate	Effective date
Advocates, Inc., Douglas House	\$233.52	October 12, 2008
Advocates, Inc., McLaughlin House	\$207.14	August 1, 2007
Advocates, Inc., Warren House	\$223.45	August 1, 2007

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedules are the same for both governmental and private providers.