

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENT OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905(~~A~~a) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**Medical and Remedial Care and Services**  
**42 CFR 447, Subpart B**

**Personal Care Services**

**Unit of Reimbursement**

Reimbursement for personal care services shall be a prospective flat rate for each approved unit of service that is provided to the ~~recipient~~beneficiary. -One quarter hour (15 minutes) is the standard unit of service for personal care services. -Additional reimbursement shall not be paid for the provision of less than one quarter hour (15 minutes) of service. Additional reimbursement shall not be available for transportation furnished during the course of providing personal care services.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published on the Medicaid Provider Website at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2009, the reimbursement rate shall be reduced by 3.5 percent of the rate on file as of January 31, 2009.

Effective for dates of service on or after August 4, 2009, the reimbursement rate for ~~long-term~~ personal care services shall be reduced by 4.8 percent of the rate on file as of August 3, 2009.

Effective for services provided on or after July 21, 2010 for personal care services rendered in conjunction with the Pediatric Day Health Program, reimbursement is made pursuant to the methodology described on page 4.19-B, Item 4b, Page 5 under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), Pediatric Day Health Program.

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2010, the reimbursement rate for ~~long-term~~ personal care services shall be reduced by 4.6 percent of the rate on file as of July 31, 2010.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the reimbursement rate for ~~long-term~~ personal care services shall be reduced by 5.8 percent of the rate on file as of December 31, 2010.

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Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, the reimbursement rate for personal care services (PCS) furnished to one beneficiary shall be reduced by 1.5 percent of the rate on file as of June 30, 2012.

Effective April 20, 2016, the minimum hourly rate paid to personal care workers shall be at least the current federal minimum hourly rate. Should a change in the federal minimum hourly rate result in a rate that is above the minimum hourly rate paid to personal care workers, the minimum hourly rate paid to personal care workers will adjust to the federal minimum hourly rate the date that federal rate becomes effective.

The reimbursement rate for PCS shall be increased by \$4.50 per hour.

The minimum hourly rate paid to long-term personal care services (LT-PCS) direct service workers (DSW) shall be at least \$9 per hour, regardless of full-time or part-time status.

LT-PCS providers affected by the \$4.50 per hour rate increase shall pass 70 percent of their rate increases directly to the DSW in various forms, including a minimum wage floor of \$9 per hour and wage and non-wage benefits for all affected DSWs, regardless of full-time or part-time status.

**Standards for Payment**

Providers shall comply with standards for participation established by the Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) in order to be reimbursed for PCS.

**NOTE: Prior authorization is required for personal care services.**