

## Connecticut Department of Social Services Medical Assistance Program

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TO: Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Mental Health Waiver, Personal Care Assistant, Community First Choice, Money Follows the Person, Autism Service Providers and Home Health Agencies

**RE: Rate Increases** 

Effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2019, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is increasing rates by 2% for Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Katie Beckett, Personal Care Assistance (PCA), Autism and Mental Health Waiver Service providers, as well as for Community First Choice (CFC) and services identified below that are provided by Home Health Agencies. Money Follows the Person (MFP) rates, other than those negotiated by contract, also increase 2% effective January 1, 2019. Updated fee schedules will be posted on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

Rates for the following Home Health services will increase by 2% on January 1, 2019:

- T1016, Katie Beckett waiver, Case Management, each 15 minutes
- T1004, Services of a qualified nursing aide, up to 15 minutes
- T1021 Home Health aide or certified nurse assistant, per visit

The primary purpose of the rate increase is to increase the wages and benefits of direct caregivers. DSS reserves the right to ensure the appropriate use of these funds.

ABI, PCA, and CHCPE Waiver Service providers, as well as MFP providers who submit Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for mandated and optional services, to DXC Technology for claim adjudication via the Santrax EVV System must update their usual and customary rates in the Santrax system prior to billing claims for dates of service January 1, 2019 and forward.

ABI, PCA, and CHCPE Waiver Service providers as well as MFP providers are encouraged to refer to the "Billing Rates" document in the Electronic Visit Verification Implementation Important

Message for assistance in updating their usual and customary rates in the Santrax system. Please click the link below to access the "Billing Rates" document located on the Electronic Visit Verification Implementation Important Message under the "Welcome Kit" subheading on the <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a> Web site home page. A link is also provided below.

https://www.ctdssmap.com/CTPortal/Portals/0/StaticContent/Publications/evv\_billing\_rates.pdf

For further assistance, please contact the DXC Technology EVV mail box at <a href="mailto:ctevv@dxc.com">ctevv@dxc.com</a>.

