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TO: Providers of Personal Care Assistant Services – **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations – **For Action**

SUBJECT: **Billing for Providers of Personal Care Assistant Services**

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2022

PURPOSE: To provide important information regarding January 1, 2022 rate increase and pass-through requirements

BACKGROUND:

Effective January 1, 2022, rates for Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services will receive an upward adjustment to increase wages of PCA aides.

ACTION – Rate increase for providers of Personal Care Assistant services; wage increase for PCA aides.

Effective January 1, 2022, rates paid to Personal Care Assistant provider agencies will increase by \$1.00, from an hourly rate of \$22.00 to \$23.00.

Providers billing the increased rate are required to use the additional \$1.00 to increase hourly wages for PCA workers who serve Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare members in their homes. However, depending on payroll taxes assessed on the wage increase, the actual amount received by the PCA worker may be less than \$1.00 per hour. PCA providers shall not use the \$1.00 increase for any other purpose.

Effective January 1, 2022, a PCA provider agency submitting a claim for payment at the increased rate acknowledges through such claim submission that it will use the entire additional amount (\$1.00) to increase the wage of the PCA worker who performed the billed services as described above. PCA providers billing the increased rate further acknowledge that they must retain adequate evidence of this payment and that the entire rate increase may be subject to remediation and/or penalty if it is used for any other purpose.

This new rate will be in effect on January 1, 2022 for both Fee-for-Service and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) applicable to the following codes when billed for PCA services: T1019 and S9122. In the event that claims submitted after the effective date

are not processed at the increased rate, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services will work with MCOs to ensure reprocessing occurs in a timely manner.

Additional information regarding reporting requirements for providers will be provided.

Providers may direct questions to mahs.provider-inquiries@dhs.nj.gov.

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