

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
STATE/TERRITORY: CALIFORNIA

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDI-CAL HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE OPTION SERVICES)

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Medi-Cal Community First Choice Option (CFCO) services are the Included Services pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations §441.510 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Department of Social Services.

B. REIMBURSEMENT RATE LIMITATIONS

- (1) A county may contract with an agency of a city, county, or city and county, a local health district, a voluntary nonprofit agency, a proprietary agency, or an individual for the purpose of providing personal care services. The rate of reimbursement will be negotiated between the county and its contractor or its contractors, consistent with applicable regulations promulgated by the California Department of Social Services or the California Department of Health Care Services.
- (2) The rate of reimbursement for individual providers will be negotiated between the provider union and the individual county, or the provider union and the public authorities/non-profit consortiums, as applicable.

C. PUBLICATION OF INDIVIDUAL AND CONTRACTED PROVIDER RATES

State approved county governmental, contracted, and private individual provider rates are documented in a fee schedule and that fee schedule was last updated on March 15, 2012, and effective for services provided after that date. This fee schedule is published on the California Department of Social Services website at www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG1996.htm.

D. PAYMENTS AND UNITS OF SERVICE

- (1) Reimbursements for services will be made only to providers authorized by the California Department of Social Services to provide CFCO services to beneficiaries. The rates will be based upon a time-based unit of service. The time-based unit of service is per minute based on 60 minutes per hour.
- (2) The methodology for determining the beneficiary's service budget is based on the assessment of needs for the beneficiary and the development of the service plan. The cost of providing the services included in the service plan is calculated based on the expected reimbursement for such services under the state plan and is adjusted to account for the self-directed services delivery model served in the Sec. 1915 [42 U.S.C. 1396n] G) program.

In cases where the beneficiary chooses not to have the assessed CFCO service of meal preparation, meal cleanup and/or shopping for food services provided in-home, the beneficiary can choose to have their service budget reduced by the amount calculated based on hours allocated for these services and reimbursement of \$15.50 per week per person or \$31 per week per couple is provided for meal preparation.