

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 93-52

PERSONAL CARE RATES

The enclosed public notice and Personal Care rates must be posted in a prominent place in all county welfare departments. The regulations implementing the Medi-Cal Personal Care program were sent under separate cover with All County Welfare Directors Letter 93-21.

If you have any questions please contact Carl Miller, Chief, Alternate Services Unit, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch at (916) 657-0562.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
ANGELINE MRVA for

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

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NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
WILL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
RATE CHANGES FOR MEDI-CAL  
PERSONAL CARE

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is adopting emergency regulations to implement rates for Personal Care services based upon the authority granted in Chapter 939, Statutes of 1992 and Chapter 7, Statutes of 1993.

DHS is basing the rates for Personal Care services paid to individual providers and Contract Agencies on rates paid for similar services provided by the In Home Supportive Services program. Legislation authorizing the Medi-Cal program to render Personal Care services was enacted so that the same provider would render the same services at the existing rates. DHS believes that the current rates satisfy all federal requirements for provider reimbursement. The IHSS rates adopted by Medi-Cal have a history of efficiency and economy in the provision of quality services sufficient to allow on average over 95 percent of approved services to be procured by beneficiaries.

It is estimated that the adoption of emergency regulations will result in expenditures of \$652,600,000 for Medi-Cal Personal Care services (approximately \$210,765,000 for general fund) for the 1993-94 fiscal year. This notice and proposed changes are available for public review at local county welfare offices. In addition, copies may be requested by writing to Al Seltzer, Chief, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch, Department of Health Services, 714 P Street, Room 1640, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Interested parties have been given 45 days prior to and including the date of the public hearing to comment in writing on the emergency regulations.

15. Adopt Section 51535.2 to read:

51535.2. Reimbursement Rates for Personal Care Services Program.

(a) For the individual provider mode for providing personal care services, the reimbursement rate shall be a maximum of \$5.50 per hour of service; provided, however, that the reimbursement rate in each county for the individual provider mode of service in the IHSS program pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as it existed on September 28, 1992.

(b) For the contract mode for providing personal care services pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 12302 and 12302.1, the reimbursement rates shall be those specified in the contract between the county and the agency contractor not to exceed the following maximum rates for services provided through State fiscal year 1993-94 as follows:

<u>(1)</u>	<u>Butte</u>	<u>\$ 9.65</u>
<u>(2)</u>	<u>Nevada</u>	<u>\$10.34</u>
<u>(3)</u>	<u>Riverside</u>	<u>\$12.29</u>
<u>(4)</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>\$10.49</u>
<u>(5)</u>	<u>San Francisco</u>	<u>\$12.28</u>
<u>(6)</u>	<u>San Joaquin</u>	<u>\$ 9.50</u>
<u>(7)</u>	<u>San Mateo</u>	<u>\$12.65</u>
<u>(8)</u>	<u>Santa Barbara</u>	<u>\$11.76</u>
<u>(9)</u>	<u>Santa Clara</u>	<u>\$11.11</u>
<u>(10)</u>	<u>Santa Cruz</u>	<u>\$13.61</u>
<u>(11)</u>	<u>Stanislaus</u>	<u>\$10.51</u>
<u>(12)</u>	<u>Tehama</u>	<u>\$11.30</u>
<u>(13)</u>	<u>Ventura</u>	<u>\$11.04</u>

(c) Nothing in this section is intended to be a limitation on the rights of providers and beneficiaries or on the duties of the Department of Social Services, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12302.2 subdivision (a). Contributions, premiums and taxes paid pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12302.2, subdivision (a) shall be in addition to the hourly rates specified in subdivision (a) of this section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 14132.95, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 8, Chapter 939, Statutes of 1992; Section 3, Chapter 7, Statutes of 1993. Reference: Section 14132.95, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1396d(a)(7) of Title 42, of the United States Code; Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 440.170 (f) of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations.