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<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>Medical Assistance Program Fee Increases for Private Duty/Shift Nursing Services to MA Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age</p>		<p>BY</p> <p><i>Leesa M. Allen</i> Leesa M. Allen, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs</p>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate their MA enrollment every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check their revalidation date and submit a revalidation application at least 60 days prior. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994. Providers who enrolled on or before SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 must complete the revalidation process as soon as possible. DHS must complete the revalidation for all providers enrolled on or before September 25, 2011 by September 25, 2016.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that the Department of Human Services (Department) has increased fees for private duty/shift nursing services provided to Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries under 21 years of age, effective with dates of service on and after July 1, 2016.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to providers enrolled in the MA Program who provide private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age, in the Fee-for-Service delivery system. Providers who provide private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age in the managed care delivery system should direct any fee-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Act 2016-85, the Department has increased the fees for private duty/shift nursing services provided to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age by \$5.00 per hour, this fee increase will support continued access to these services by MA beneficiaries.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll free number for your provider type

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

PROCEDURE:

Effective with dates of services on and after July 1, 2016, the Department has increased the fees for select private duty/shift nursing services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age as follows:

Procedure Code	Description	Current MA Fee	MA Fee Effective July 1 2016
S9123	Nursing care, in the home; by Registered Nurse, per hour	\$40.00	\$45.00
S9124	Nursing care, in the home; by Licensed Practical Nurse, per hour	\$40.00	\$45.00

The MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect these fee increases. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Department's website at:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/forproviders/schedules/mafeeschedules/index.htm#.VI3MJXarTcs>.

The Department will reprocess claims that have already been paid for private duty/shift nursing services with dates of service on and after July 1, 2016, to ensure providers receive the new MA fee for these services.