



Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

February 1, 2017

RE: CHHA Episodic Minimum Wage Adjustment

Dear Administrator:

A copy of the revised 2017 CHHA episodic Medicaid payment rates effective January 1, 2017 is now available on the Health Commerce System (HCS) website and NYS DOH public site.

In accordance with Public Health Law Section 3614 - section 13, the Department is authorized to establish Medicaid episodic rate payments for non-pediatric CHHA patients utilizing the 2013 base year as adjusted for regional wage differences.

In accordance with this statute, the Department is authorized to make rate adjustments to address increased compensation expenses, subsequent to the 2013 base year, stemming from federal labor requirements under the US Department of Labor's (DOL) recently published Final Rule on minimum wage and overtime protections.

Minimum Wage Rate adjustments

Home Health Aide payment rates for New York City providers were adjusted to a minimum of \$20.95 per hour, beginning March 1, 2014, to enable CHHAs to meet the "wage parity" requirements of Section 3614.14 of the New York State Public Health Law. Effective January 1, 2017, the minimum payment rate for NYC CHHAs has been increased to \$22.28 to additionally reflect the scheduled increase in the minimum wage in New York City. The additional amount consists of \$1.00 per hour in wages and 33 cents per hour in payroll taxes and fringe benefits.

It was necessary to convert the determined \$22.28 per hour adjustment to a percentage adjustment for application to the 60-day episodic payment structure. This result of 6.18% (please see attachment **CHHA EPS -calc min wage adjustment for NYC 1/1/17**) was multiplied by the estimated base rate portion to result in the Minimum Wage increase for 1/1/17.

The CHHA Episodic rates for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, include adjustments to reimburse CHHA New York City providers the uniform additional hourly add-on amount through the uniform percentage adjustment determined above.

The rates on the attached schedule have been forwarded to the Department's eMedNY system for payment. If you have any questions related to the methodology utilized in the calculation of your 2017 Medicaid rates or the accuracy of your rate, please contact the following email address:

Bltcr-ch@health.ny.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Simmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Steven M. Simmons

Director

Bureau of Managed Long Term Care

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Enclosures

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4810	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$1,839.01	\$1,952.66
4811	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$2,046.93	\$2,173.43
4812	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$2,046.93	\$2,173.43
4813	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$2,379.62	\$2,526.68
4814	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$2,379.62	\$2,526.68
4815	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$2,508.22	\$2,663.23
4816	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$2,854.92	\$3,031.35
4817	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$3,329.93	\$3,535.72
4818	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$3,329.93	\$3,535.72
4819	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$3,684.06	\$3,911.73
4820	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$3,684.06	\$3,911.73
4821	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$4,093.39	\$4,346.36
4822	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$3,449.80	\$3,663.00
4823	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$3,705.69	\$3,934.70
4824	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$3,705.69	\$3,934.70
4825	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$4,479.10	\$4,755.91
4826	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$4,479.10	\$4,755.91
4827	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$5,743.17	\$6,098.10
4828	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$2,068.72	\$2,196.57
4829	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$2,246.07	\$2,384.88
4830	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$2,246.07	\$2,384.88
4831	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$2,323.38	\$2,466.96
4832	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$2,323.38	\$2,466.96
4833	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$2,528.94	\$2,685.23
4834	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$3,171.43	\$3,367.42
4835	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$3,411.61	\$3,622.45
4836	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$3,411.61	\$3,622.45
4837	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$3,807.00	\$4,042.27
4838	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$3,807.00	\$4,042.27
4839	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$4,178.08	\$4,436.29
4840	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$4,438.47	\$4,712.77
4841	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$5,005.18	\$5,314.50
4842	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$5,005.18	\$5,314.50
4843	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$5,943.62	\$6,310.94
4844	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$5,943.62	\$6,310.94
4845	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$6,490.39	\$6,891.50
4846	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$2,267.49	\$2,407.62
4847	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$2,572.74	\$2,731.74
4848	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$2,572.74	\$2,731.74
4849	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$2,786.78	\$2,959.00
4850	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$2,786.78	\$2,959.00
4851	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$3,415.25	\$3,626.31

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4852	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$4,073.49	\$4,325.23
4853	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$4,705.02	\$4,995.79
4854	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$4,705.02	\$4,995.79
4855	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$5,231.48	\$5,554.79
4856	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$5,231.48	\$5,554.79
4857	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$5,498.29	\$5,838.08
4858	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$5,099.19	\$5,414.32
4859	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$7,172.24	\$7,615.48
4860	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$7,172.24	\$7,615.48
4861	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$7,196.47	\$7,641.21
4862	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$7,196.47	\$7,641.21
4863	EPS START OF CARE, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$8,340.12	\$8,855.54
4864	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$1,351.45	\$1,434.97
4865	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$1,477.14	\$1,568.43
4866	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$1,477.14	\$1,568.43
4867	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$2,155.80	\$2,289.03
4868	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$2,155.80	\$2,289.03
4869	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$2,285.76	\$2,427.02
4870	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$3,214.80	\$3,413.47
4871	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$3,375.01	\$3,583.59
4872	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$3,375.01	\$3,583.59
4873	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$4,351.93	\$4,620.88
4874	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$4,351.93	\$4,620.88
4875	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$4,790.18	\$5,086.21
4876	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$3,984.37	\$4,230.60
4877	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$3,796.14	\$4,030.74
4878	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$3,796.14	\$4,030.74
4879	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$5,494.02	\$5,833.55
4880	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$5,494.02	\$5,833.55
4881	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN A, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$6,858.12	\$7,281.95
4882	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$1,579.27	\$1,676.87
4883	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$1,725.40	\$1,832.03
4884	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$1,725.40	\$1,832.03
4885	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$2,207.83	\$2,344.27
4886	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$2,207.83	\$2,344.27
4887	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$2,456.31	\$2,608.11
4888	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$3,334.19	\$3,540.24
4889	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$3,872.28	\$4,111.59
4890	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$3,872.28	\$4,111.59
4891	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$4,793.83	\$5,090.09
4892	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$4,793.83	\$5,090.09
4893	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$5,219.96	\$5,542.55
4894	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$4,532.68	\$4,812.80

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4895	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$5,497.28	\$5,837.01
4896	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$5,497.28	\$5,837.01
4897	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$7,617.01	\$8,087.74
4898	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$7,617.01	\$8,087.74
4899	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN B, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$8,360.35	\$8,877.02
4900	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 1	\$1,610.78	\$1,710.33
4901	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 2	\$2,224.47	\$2,361.94
4902	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 3	\$2,224.47	\$2,361.94
4903	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 4	\$3,321.27	\$3,526.52
4904	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 5	\$3,321.27	\$3,526.52
4905	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC E, AGE GRP 6	\$2,706.76	\$2,874.04
4906	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 1	\$4,337.08	\$4,605.11
4907	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 2	\$5,623.72	\$5,971.27
4908	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 3	\$5,623.72	\$5,971.27
4909	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 4	\$6,222.85	\$6,607.42
4910	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 5	\$6,222.85	\$6,607.42
4911	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC F, AGE GRP 6	\$7,159.02	\$7,601.45
4912	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 1	\$6,692.86	\$7,106.48
4913	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 2	\$10,493.91	\$11,142.43
4914	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 3	\$10,493.91	\$11,142.43
4915	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 4	\$9,148.44	\$9,713.81
4916	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 5	\$9,148.44	\$9,713.81
4917	EPS RECERTIFICATION, CLIN C, FUNC G, AGE GRP 6	\$12,689.94	\$13,474.18
4919	ASSESSMENTS - LUPA ONLY - NO CHANGE	\$5.63	\$5.63
4920	EPS MATERNITY, NO OASIS, 18 AND OLDER	\$1,351.45	\$1,434.97