

## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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### **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE INCREASE FOR PERSONAL CARE AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SCHOOL-BASED IEP DIRECT SERVICES**

**Applies to: School-Based Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Direct  
Services Providers**

**Effective date: 7/1/2021**

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- **Maximum Allowable Rate Increase**

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Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, the MO HealthNet Fee-For-Service maximum allowable rates are increased for the following School-Based IEP direct services: Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care.

The reimbursement rate for Personal Care was identified as below the lower bound market-based rate in the [Mercer Rate Study](#) for Select State Plan and 1915(c) Waiver Services dated January 3, 2020. Personal Care is being increased up to the lower bound rate of \$5.02 per 15-minute unit identified in the study.

Reimbursement rates for Personal Care will receive a rate increase that results in a maximum reimbursement rate of \$5.28 per 15-minute unit upon CMS approval of the HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan.

Reimbursement rates for Private Duty Nursing are increased to \$9.16 per 15-minute unit.

Reimbursement rates for Private Duty Nursing will receive a rate increase that results in a maximum reimbursement rate of \$9.64 per 15-minute unit upon CMS approval of the HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan.

These changes reflect increases that were appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

MO HealthNet will reimburse the lower of the provider's billed charge or the maximum allowable amount for the date of service billed. Providers may not bill MO HealthNet at a higher rate than they charge their private pay patients. Providers must bill MO HealthNet their usual and customary rate.

The affected procedure codes and amounts are as follows:

<b>PROCEDURE CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable through June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable effective July 1, 2021, to lower bound adjustment</b>	<b>* Maximum Allowable effective July 1, 2021, upon CMS approval of FMAP Spending Plan</b>
T1019TM	Personal Care (15-min unit)	\$4.59	\$5.02	\$5.28
T1000TM	Private Duty Nursing, HCY (15-min unit)	\$8.36	\$9.16	\$9.64

\*Upon CMS approval of the HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan, MHD will update the claims processing system with the indicated maximum allowable reimbursement rate and reprocess claims paid for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021.

**APPLICABILITY**

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization for questions regarding billing and reimbursement.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline  
573-751-2896**