



Date: January 5, 2023

RE: Payment Updates Regarding Rate Increases Related to the American Rescue Plan Act Rate & Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act

Dear Home Health and Home Care Providers:

Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA) thanks you for your continued patience while we work to implement extensions of rate increases related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (FY23 GAA).

ARPA

This notice serves as an update that we are following the guidance of MassHealth Managed Care Entity Bulletin 92, as well as [MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletin 78](#) as it pertains to temporary rate increases for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) workforce development authorized under the ARPA. These increases will be in effect for dates of service **July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023**, for both One Care and Senior Care Options members.

FY23 General Appropriations Act

CCA is also implementing the rate increases for providers supporting members in the Senior Care Options program set forth in:

- [MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletin 79](#) (FY23 General Appropriations Act Home Health Aide Rate Increases and Reporting Requirements), and
- Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) [Memorandum dated September 26, 2022](#) (“FY23 General Appropriations Act Home Care and Home Health Aide Rate Increase Policies”).

The rate increase will be applied to dates of service **July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023**, for Senior Care Options members only.

Provider Billing for ARPA and FY23 Add-ons

Providers are instructed to bill at the unit rate levels outlined in the tables below (see “Total” column).

One Care: For One Care members, providers should follow the rates outlined below for home health aide, homemaker, and personal care agency services.

Regulation / Sub-Regulation	Service	Procedure Code(s)	Unit	Rate	Per Unit Rate Add-on (ARPA)	Total
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletins 78 & 79 and EOEA Memorandum dated September 26, 2022	Home health aide	G0156, G0156 UD, 99509	Per 15 minutes	\$6.73	\$0.67	\$7.40
	Homemaker (agency rate)	S5130	Per 15 minutes	Current base contract amount	Current base contract amount multiplied by 10%	Columns E + F
	Personal care (agency rate)	S5131	Per 15 minutes	Current base contract amount	Current base contract amount multiplied by 10%	Columns E + F

Senior Care Options: For Senior Care Options members, providers should follow the rates outlined below for home health aide, homemaker, and personal care agency services.

Regulation / Sub-Regulation	Service	Procedure Code(s)	Unit	Rate	Per Unit Rate Add-on (ARPA)	Per Unit Rate Add-on (FY22 GAA)	Total
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Column H
MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletins 78 & 79 and EOEA Memorandum dated September 26, 2022	Home health aide	G0156, G0156 UD, 99509	Per 15 minutes	\$6.73	\$0.67	\$0.89	\$8.29
	Homemaker (agency rate)	S5130	Per 15 minutes	Current base contract amount	Current base contract amount multiplied by 10%	\$0.99	Columns E + F + G
	Personal care (agency rate)	S5131	Per 15 minutes	Current base contract amount	Current base contract amount multiplied by 10%	\$0.99	Columns E + F + G

Please note: Claims will continue to pay at the normal contracted amount (e.g., will not include the ARPA and FY23 GAA rate increases) until the fee schedules are updated. When the fee schedules are updated, CCA will adjust and reprocess claims to pay at the higher amount, inclusive of both the ARPA and FY23 GAA increases.

If you have any questions, please email [Tim Guthrie](#). Thank you for your support and care for our shared members, and your patience as we implement these increases.

Regards,

Commonwealth Care Alliance Contracting Department