

**Aging and People with Disabilities**

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**Topic:** Long Term Care

**Subject:** in home care agency contracted rates, mileage rate and definition

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging             | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services(ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                        |  |

**Message:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding In Home Care agency (IHCA) Medicaid reimbursement rates for direct care, the required initial assessment and information regarding mileage, rate and definition of use.

**Hourly rate increase:**

Effective 07/01/15, Medicaid contracted in-home care agencies received a legislative approved hourly rate increase of 2.5%. MMIS has been adjusted to allow for the new hourly rate of \$21.80 (15 minute unit billing of \$5.45 )

**Initial assessment reimbursement:**

Effective 07/01/15, IHCA will be reimbursed \$21.80 per hour (up to 3 hours) for the completion of an initial assessment to evaluate a prospective consumer's service needs. Licensing rules and Medicaid contracting requires the completion of this assessment.

Service assessment code T2024 will continue to be used by the IHCA to bill through MMIS. This assessment code is not visible on MMIS to the CM. This billing is separate from the consumer's service plan.

Community transportation:

Community transportation (non-medical) mileage will continue to be reimbursed at \$.48.5/mile. The Case Manager, through service planning, will determine the number of miles to be authorized. This authorization follows the same process as determining HCW transportation needs and miles. Community transportation mileage will not be used to reimburse IHCA for employee mileage to and from the consumer's home. Case Manager will use procedure code A0090 to authorize the determined number of miles in MMIS.

This information will be added to the APD Case Manager Tools website.

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/cm/index.htm>

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