

Proposed amendment for Sec 19 (Elderly and Disabled) and 69 Homemaker (Stover)

Sec. ?-1. Department of Health and Human Services to request amendment to waiver to increase rates. The Department of Health and Human Services shall request an amendment to the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver using an Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K from the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase MaineCare rates under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities by 25% from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. All rates under this Section of MaineCare that were increased by 10% and in effect from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 and approved using an Appendix K, must be increased by 25% pursuant to this section.

Sec. ?-2. Department of Health and Human Services to increase rates. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule in 10-149, Chapter 5: Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 69, Independent Support Services Program to increase rates by 25% from January 1, 2021.

Sec. ?-3. Department of Health and Human Services to provide temporary supplemental payments for consumer directed services. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide temporary supplemental payments on a per member per month basis for attendant care services reimbursed under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services, for a six month period from January 2021 to June 2021. The funding provided for that purpose in this Part shall be distributed to providers of these services in equal proportion according to the services provided. The department shall request any State Plan Amendments or permissions from the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services necessary to receive federal Medicaid matching funds. If no matching funds are approved or available, the department shall use General Fund.

Sec. ?-4. Department of Health and Human Services to provide temporary supplemental payments for direct care services. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide temporary supplemental payments on a per member per month basis for personal support services and Certified Nursing Assistant services reimbursed under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services, for a six month period from January 2021 to June 2021. The funding provided for that purpose in this Part shall be distributed to providers of these services in equal proportion according to the services provided. The department shall request any State Plan Amendments or permissions from the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services necessary to receive federal Medicaid matching funds. If no matching funds are approved or available, the department shall use General Fund.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake the following rulemaking and rate increases.

1. It temporarily increases the rates in Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities that were included in the Appendix K by 25% for a six month period.
2. It increases the reimbursement rates for Section 69, Independent Support Services Program, otherwise known as the Homemaker Program, by 25% on an ongoing basis.
3. It temporarily provides supplemental payments on a per member per month basis for attendant care services in Section 12, Allowances for Consumer Directed Attendant Services for six months. The amount is estimated as a 25% increase.
4. It temporarily provides supplemental payments on a per member per month basis for personal support services and CNA services in Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services for six months. The amount is estimated as a 25% increase.

Summary of Impact of the Amendment Increasing rates for Certain Services

		General Fund	Other Special Revenue	Federal Expenditures Fund	Total	
Sec. ?-1	MCBM, Section 19	\$ 2,302,154	\$ 572,912	\$ 6,673,475	\$ 9,548,541	
Sec. ?-2	OADS, Section 69	\$ 452,122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 452,122	
Sec. ?-3	MCBM, Section 12	\$ 269,857	\$ -	\$ 473,961	\$ 743,818	Estimate
Sec. ?-4	MCBM, Section 96	\$ 1,055,656	\$ -	\$ 1,854,090	\$ 2,909,746	Estimate
		\$ 4,079,788	\$ 572,912	\$ 9,001,526	\$ 13,654,226	