

**§7402. Essential support worker reimbursement**

Services provided by essential support workers that are reimbursed by the department under the MaineCare program or another state-funded program must include in the reimbursement rate the following: [PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. AAAA, §1 (NEW).]

**1. At least 125% of the minimum wage.** An amount equal to at least 125% of the minimum wage established in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for the labor portion of the reimbursement rate. An increase to the minimum wage must be applied to the reimbursement rate at the time the increase takes place; and  
[PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. AAAA, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Taxes and benefits.** An amount necessary to reimburse the provider for taxes and benefits paid or costs incurred by the provider that are directly related to the reimbursed wage increase in subsection 1. This amount must be adjusted whenever an increase to the minimum wage is applied to the reimbursement rate under subsection 1.  
[PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. AAAA, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Effective date.** This section takes effect January 1, 2022.  
[PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. AAAA, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. AAAA, §1 (NEW).

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