## **MEDICAID BULLETIN**

Last Updated: 06/24/2024

# Personal Care Rate Update Effective July 1, 2024

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that rates for personal care services will increase, effective July 1, 2024.

In accordance with Item GGGGG.1 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Consumer Directed and Agency Directed Personal Care, Respite Care, and Companion Care rates will increase by 2%. Please find the new rates for personal care in the tables below.

Agency Directed			
Procedure Code	Description	Region	Rates Effective 7/1/2024
T1019	Personal Care	NOVA	\$23.34
T1019	Personal Care	ROS	\$19.83
T1005	Respite Care	NOVA	\$23.34
T1005	Respite Care	ROS	\$19.83
S5135	Companion Care	NOVA	\$23.34
S5135	Companion Care	ROS	\$19.83
Consumer Directed			
Procedure Code	Description	Region	Rates Effective 7/1/2024
S5126	Consumer Directed Personal Care	NOVA	\$17.62
S5126	Consumer Directed Personal Care	ROS	\$13.61
S5150	Consumer Directed Respite Care	NOVA	\$17.62
S5150	Consumer Directed Respite Care Consumer Directed Companion	ROS	\$13.61
S5136	Care Consumer Directed Companion	NOVA	\$17.62
S5136	Care	ROS	\$13.61

#### Personal Care Rates Effective July 1, 2024

This memo serves as the official notification that personal care rates effective July 1, 2024 are posted on the DMAS website

at <a href="https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/rates-and-rate-setting/">https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/rates-and-rate-setting/</a>. Corrections or revisions will be noted at the bottom of the official rate sheet. If you have any questions regarding personal care rates please call the provider helpline at 800-552-8627.

DMAS and its Managed Care Organization (MCO) partners are diligently working on the implementation of new provider rates set forth in the 2024 Appropriation Act. The MCOs may need 30-60 days from 6/24/2024 to finish updating their systems with the new FY2025 rates. The MCOs will automatically reprocess any claims that paid using old rates within approximately 30 days after they

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finish updating their systems to the new rates.

Currently, providers have the option to bill MCOs immediately under old rates or delay billing until FY2025 rates are updated by the MCOs.

#### **Appeals Information**

If you believe an error was made for payment rates or totals, you can file an appeal. The appeal must be filed with the DMAS Appeals Division through one of the following methods:

- Through the Appeals Information Management System
   at <a href="https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/">https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/</a>. From there you can fill out an informal appeal request, submit documentation, and follow the process of your appeal.
- Through mail, email, or fax. You can download a Medicaid Provider Appeal Request form at <a href="https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/">https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/</a>. You can use that form or a letter to file the informal appeal. The appeal request must identify the issues being appealed. The request can be submitted by:
  - Mail or delivery to: Appeals Division, Department of Medical Assistance Services,
     600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219;
  - Email to <u>appeals@dmas.virginia.gov</u>; or
  - Fax to (804) 452-5454.

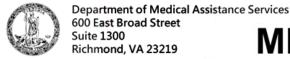
The appeal must be received by the DMAS Appeals Division within 30 days of the payment rate or total being published by DMAS. The notice of appeal is considered filed when it is date stamped by the DMAS Appeals Division. The normal business hours of DMAS are from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on dates when DMAS is open for business. Documents received after 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date shall be untimely.

#### **PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

Virginia Medicaid Web Portal Automated Response System (ARS)

Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.

https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/



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#### Medicall (Audio Response System)

Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits. service authorization status, and remittance

1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996

advice.

**Provider Appeals** DMAS launched an appeals portal in 2021. You can use this portal to file appeals and track

the status of your appeals. Visit the website listed for appeal

resources and to register for the portal. https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/

#### **Managed Care Programs**

Cardinal Care Managed Care and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan may utilize different guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals.

**Cardinal Care** https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/managed-care/cardinal-care-managed-care/ **Managed Care** 

**PACE** Program of All-inclusive Care (virginia.gov)

**Acentra Health** 

Behavioral Health

https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/sa Services

In-State: 804-270-5105

**Provider Enrollment** Out of State Toll Free: 888-829-5373

Email: VAMedicaidProviderEnrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com

**Provider HELPLINE** 

Monday-Friday 8:00

a.m.-5:00 p.m. For 1-804-786-6273 provider use only, have 1-800-552-8627

Medicaid Provider ID Number available.

Molina Complete Care

Aetna Better Health of https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/virginia/providers/index.html

Virginia 1-800-279-1878

Anthem HealthKeepers http://www.anthem.com/ 1-800-901-0020

https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/va/medicaid/home.aspx

Sentara Community Plan 1-800-881-2166 https://www.sentarahealthplans.com/providers

United Healthcare www.uhcprovider.com/

1-844-284-0149

1-800-424-4524

**Dental Provider** 

DentaQuest

Plus

1-888-912-3456