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**ALL PROJECT DIRECTORS' LETTER
 Letter Number: MCWP 17-01**

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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN MCWP REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HOMEMAKER AND ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES

Effective January 1, 2017, the reimbursement rates for Homemaker and Attendant Care services have been increased to accommodate statewide minimum wage increases. The rate increases are detailed here:

HCPSC Code	Description	2016 Rate	2017 Rate
S5130	Homemaker Services	\$3.51/15 min	\$3.72/15 min
G0156	Attendant Care Services	\$4.73/15 min	\$5.01/15 min

Background

Pursuant to SB 3 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016), statewide minimum wage rates were increased to \$10.50 per hour effective January 1, 2017. Accordingly, reimbursement rates for Homemaker and Attendant Care Services under MCWP were increased effective January 1, 2017 to accommodate the increased statewide minimum wage rate.

Current Status

These rate increases will be applied retroactively to all Homemaker and Attendant Care Services claims submitted by MCWP agencies with a date of service on or after January 1, 2017. Erroneous Payment Corrections will be initiated by Conduent, the Medi-Cal Fiscal Intermediary, to reconcile claims paid at the 2016 rates.

The Medi-Cal Subscription Service (MCSS) released Bulletin 509 on February 16, 2017 detailing these rate increases, in addition to other Medi-Cal related items. If you are not a subscriber to the MCSS, you can sign up at the following link:

<http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/mcss/mcss.asp>

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