

Re: Personal Care – 2013 Hotlines **Correction**

Dear Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a correction to the recently posted Dear Administrator letter dated July 9, 2013.

The section on the Worker Recruitment and Retention adjustment erroneously included a continuation of the prior years uniform allocation percentage add-on of 7.43%, when in fact the allocation percentage was reduced to 6.08% in accordance with the statutory methodology to allocate no more than the statutorily authorized funding of \$28.5M for non-NYC providers of personal care. The rates posted to HCS under the July 9, 2013 letter and transmitted to eMedny for payment, properly reflect the correct allocation percentage of 6.08%. The complete corrected paragraph for the worker recruitment and retention adjustment is as follows:

**Worker Recruitment and Retention Adjustment**

In accordance with Section 367-q of the Social Services Law, an adjustment is authorized to provide payment to personal care providers, located in local social service districts which do not include a city with a population of over one million persons, for purposes of improving recruitment and retention of personal care services workers. Pursuant to this legislation, to be eligible for an adjustment, a personal care services provider must submit to the Department of Health a signed certification statement attesting that the funds received will be utilized solely for the purpose of recruiting and retaining non-supervisory personal care services workers. Based on federal approval by CMS of the state plan change in accordance with subdivision 1(g) of SSL 367-q, the Department is authorized to include the total recruitment and retention reimbursement amount of up to \$28,500,000 for the rate period 01/1/13-12/31/13.

In accordance with subdivision 2 of SSL 367-q, the distribution methodology shall be in the form of a percentage add-on to rates of payment of eligible providers based on the proportion of each personal care services providers' total annual hours of personal care services provided to recipients of medical assistance to the total annual hours of personal care services provided by all non-NYC providers to recipients of medical assistance. The adjustments included in your non-NYC PCA rates effective 01/01/13 – 12/31/13 are based on the uniform allocation percentage add-on of 6.08% determined in accordance with the statutory methodology to allocate the authorized funding of up to \$28.5M.

If you have any questions related to the methodology utilized in the calculation of your 2013 Medicaid rates or the accuracy of your rate, please contact Tim Casey at (518) 474-1057 or 473-4421.

Sincerely,



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Director

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Attachments