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Stephen Fitton, Director  
Medical Services Administration  
Federal Liaison Unit  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
400 South Pine  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

ATTN: Nancy Bishop

Dear Mr. Fitton:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment (SPA):

- Transmittal #09-08 This SPA amends the Medicaid reimbursement component for Personal Care Services.
- Effective April 1, 2009

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Campbell at (312) 353-1557 or [Leslie.Campbell@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Leslie.Campbell@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*Verlon Johnson*

Verlon Johnson  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**  
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

09 - 08

2. STATE:

Michigan

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
HEALTH FINANCING ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
April 1, 2009

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:  
42 CFR 447.200

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 09 \$ -0-  
b. FFY 10 \$ -0-

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  
Attachment 4.19-B, page 3a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  
Attachment 4.19-B, page 3a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Reimbursement - personal care services

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:  
Paul Reinhart, Director  
Medical Services Administration

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



13. TYPED NAME:  
Stephen Fitton

14. TITLE:  
Acting Director, Medical Services Administration

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
June 26, 2009

16. RETURN TO:

Medical Services Administration  
Program/Eligibility Policy Division - Federal Liaison Unit  
Capitol Commons Center - 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 South Pine  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Attn: Nancy Bishop

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17. DATE RECEIVED:  
June 26, 2009

18. DATE APPROVED:  
March 15, 2010

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  
April 1, 2009

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:



21. TYPE NAME:  
Verlon Johnson

22. TITLE:  
Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

State of MICHIGAN

***Policy and Methods for Establishing Payment Rates  
(Other than Inpatient Hospital and Long Term Care Facilities)***

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**7. Personal Care Services**

Reimbursement is made according to variable rates, depending upon the setting of service delivery, payment levels determined by policy or the legislature, and beneficiary needs.

Basic rates for personal care services provided in a beneficiary's own home, or his/her place of employment, are as established by Medicaid policy. A Medicaid approved case manager performs an assessment of the beneficiary's needs and determines the amount of care required. Tasks are assigned minute values and the minutes are converted to hours and billed as a total (of hours) at the end of the month. The case manager is permitted to authorize services up to a specified level. The Medicaid agency allows designated local agencies to make exceptions to the maximum specified authorization level, with supervisory approval, if a beneficiary's needs are extensive or intensive enough to require more, or more costly services. For cases exceeding the designated local agency's maximum authorization level, decisions are referred to the single state agency to consider the documented need.

Beneficiaries in general adult foster care facilities or homes for the aged, have, in accordance with a standardized assessment, a documented need for personal care services.

For the majority of beneficiaries, required services are provided on a daily basis. Beneficiary/service care provider encounters occur no less frequently than once a week. Services are provided in weekly units and billed monthly.

The reimbursement methodology for personal care services for beneficiaries in general adult foster care facilities or homes for the aged will end effective September 30, 2009. The agency's rates were set as of October 1, 2008 and are effective for services on or after that date. The rate is uniform for governmental and private providers unless otherwise indicated in the State Plan. The amount of the rate may be found at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders).

Personal care in specialized foster care facilities is covered under Michigan's 1915(b) waiver for specialty supports and services for people with developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance and substance use disorder. The service is carved out of the state plan benefit and managed by pre-paid inpatient health plans (PIHPs) that are governmental entities receiving a capitation payment for an array of services that includes personal care as well as other state plan and 1915(b)(3) services. PIHPs purchase personal care services from adult foster care providers whose facilities have been certified by the state to provide specialized services. Personal care in specialized residential settings must be medically necessary for the Medicaid beneficiaries who receive it. PIHPs establish a rate for personal care services based on an assessment of the severity of each individual's needs and the amount, scope and duration of the personal care activities and tasks identified during person-centered planning to meet the individual's needs. Medicaid beneficiaries who receive personal care in specialized residential settings have documented needs that are higher than beneficiaries who receive services in general foster care settings.

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