

January 13, 2021

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Dear Home Help Individual Caregiver:

RE: COVID-19 Premium Pay Extended Through February 28, 2021

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sending this letter to inform providers that the \$2.00 per hour COVID-19 premium pay has been extended through February 28, 2021.

On May 1, 2020, MDHHS issued Letter L 20-26 which stated, "Due to the COVID-19 emergency, all individual caregivers are earning an extra \$2.00 per hour in premium pay. This hourly rate increase is for dates of service from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020, the premium pay will end." Letters L 20-45 and L 20-66 announced COVID-19 premium pay extensions through December 31, 2020.

Please note that the COVID-19 premium pay has been extended again through February 28, 2021.

Individual caregivers should continue to follow the guidance issued in March 2020 titled "Actions for Caregivers of Older Adults During COVID-19" along with the document "Actions for Caregivers for Older Adults Addendum Frequently Asked Questions". These documents describe recommendations for in-home direct care workers and methods to assure a face-to-face visit is needed. Links to the documents can be found at www.michigan.gov/homehelp under "**URGENT**".

If you have questions, contact Provider Support at 1-800-979-4662 or via email at providersupport@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



Kate Massey, Director
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