

April 21, 2022

<Provider Name>
 <Provider Address 1>
 <City> <State> zipcode5-zipcode4

Dear Home Help Agency Provider:

RE: Home Help Agency Caregiver Wage Increase Requirements for Unapproved Home Help Agency Providers

Effective with April 1, 2020 services, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) increased the Home Help agency provider pay rate to cover an hourly wage increase for agency caregivers providing Home Help services. Several unapproved Home Help agency providers have asked if they must distribute the full hourly wage increase to their agency caregivers.

The purpose of this letter is to affirm that **all** Home Help agency providers must pass on the **full** hourly wage increase to all agency caregivers providing Home Help services. **This requirement applies to unapproved Home Help agency providers earning the individual caregiver pay rate.**

Unapproved Home Help agency providers must ensure they distribute(d) the following increases to all agency caregivers providing Home Help services:

| Numbered L Letters | Home Help Agency Caregiver Wage Increases | Effective Dates |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| L 20-27 | \$2.00 per hour paid in addition to the wage the Home Help agency caregiver was earning since April 1, 2020 | April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 |
| L 20-42 L 20-67 L 21-02 | \$2.00 per hour paid in addition to the wage the Home Help agency caregiver was earning since March 1, 2020 | July 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021 |
| L 21-27 | \$2.25 per hour paid in addition to the wage the Home Help agency caregiver was earning since March 1, 2020 | March 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 |
| L 21-74 | \$2.35 per hour paid in addition to the Home Help agency caregiver’s regular wage, which cannot be less than the wage being received by, or the starting wage offered to, a qualifying direct care worker on March 1, 2020 | October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 |

L 22-15

All Home Help agency caregiver wage increases are subject to audit and potential recoupment. Home Help agency providers should retain documentation that supports the distribution of each hourly wage increase to Home Help agency caregivers and demonstrates that payments were made in accordance with the requirements in the L letters noted above.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Massey", followed by a horizontal line.

Kate Massey, Director
Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration