

# Provider Bulletin

## News and Information



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### **Temporary Rate Increase for Personal Care Assistance (PCA) and Elderly Waiver (EW) Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)**

The Minnesota Legislature passed a temporary rate increase during the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session. In compliance with this new legislation, UCare will implement a PCA rate increase of 8.4% for services provided from Dec. 1, 2020, until the later of Feb. 7, 2021, or such other later date that may be established by applicable law. The rate increase applies only to services billed with procedure code T1019 and applies to all modifiers except supervision (T1019 UA).

UCare will temporarily suspend application of the “lesser of” contract provision with respect to PCA services to ensure providers recognize the full rate increase, regardless of claims charge amount. This bulletin constitutes written notice under the amendment section of your provider participation agreement regarding a written amendment to comply with the above-referenced new law.

The legislature also passed an 8.4% rate increase for all EW CDCS claims (procedure code T2028) for dates of service from Dec. 1, 2020, until the later of Feb. 7, 2021, or such other later date that may be established by applicable law. The service plan or budget will not be adjusted.

DHS is providing instructions to Financial Management Service (FMS) agencies. FMS agencies will work with each CDCS enrollee to determine how the enrollee will spend the increased funds, within the parameters of the legislative requirements. The FMS must also maintain documentation showing how the funds were spent.