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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services(ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): Service Coordinators, Personal Agents, Brokerage Directors, SEIU, OHCC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	PSW Relief Care Rate and Hours Worked		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release no:	
Effective date:	September 1 st , 2016	Expiration:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

Relief care is provided in daily units. The provider is expected to be responsible for the attendant care needs of the individual for the full 24 hour unit.

As of September 1, 2016 relief care rates for Personal Support Workers are changing due to the implementation of changes made by the US Department of Labor.

Implementation/transition instructions:

The new daily rate for PSWs providing a unit of daily relief care is \$176.

If a PSW must provide more than 16 hours of awake care to an individual during the 24 hour unit of relief care the PSW will be paid \$11.00 per hour for every hour beyond 16 up to 24 hours. Awake care hours are rounded to the nearest 15 minutes.

“Awake care” means that the individual needs support during their regular sleeping time. Awake care does not include when a PSW is awake during the individual’s sleeping time but does not require care.

No PSW may be paid less than \$176 per day for providing relief care.

Examples:

- Terry selects PSW Leo to provide daily relief care. Terry does not require care during the night. PSW Leo is able to sleep 8 hours during the delivery of the 24 hour relief care unit. PSW Leo is paid \$176 for the unit of relief care. PSW Leo had 16 working hours that were paid at \$11.00 per hour during the 24 hour unit of relief care.
- Angel selects PSW Lucy to provide daily relief care. Angel slept for 2 hours, woke up for 1 hour requiring PSW Lucy to provide support with toileting and transferring, then slept for another 5 hours. PSW Lucy is paid \$187 for the unit of daily relief care. PSW Lucy had 17 working hours that were paid at \$11.00 per hour during the 24 hour unit of relief care.
- Tanya selects PSW Taj to provide daily relief care. Tanya requires 24 hours of awake care due to exclusive focus needs during the night. PSW Taj is paid \$264 for the unit of daily relief care. PSW Taj had 24 working hours that were paid at \$11.00 per hour during the 24 hour unit of relief care.
- Daniel selects PSW Dylan to provide daily relief care. Daniel slept for 1 hour, woke and needed support for 30 minutes, slept for 2 hours, woke and needed support for 1 hour, and slept for another 3 and a half hours. PSW Dylan is paid \$192.50 for the unit of daily relief care. PSW Dylan had 17.5 working hours that were paid at \$11.00 per hour during the 24 hour unit of relief care.

Working hours during relief care count toward weekly caps on PSW hours.

Training/communication plan:

Additional information will be coming from ODDS

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AR-Authorizing Relief Care for PSWs
Authorizing Relief Care Worker Guide

Local/branch action required:

Central office action required:

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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