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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Personal Care Services: Shared Aide Rate Codes

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the availability of new rate codes for use in the provision of personal care services under a shared aide delivery model. The new rate codes and descriptions are as follows:

<u>Rate Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
2501	PCA I, Shared Aide; Basic Rate, Hourly
2502	PCA II, Shared Aide; Basic Rate, Hourly
2507	PCA I, Shared Aide; Basic Rate, Quarter Hour
2508	PCA II, Shared Aide; Basic Rate, Quarter Hour

The quarter hour rate codes have been established to facilitate billing through MMIS for personal care services provided under a shared aide model.

Social services districts currently operating shared aide programs will have their approved shared aide rate divided into a quarter hour rate by this Department. Each district will be notified of the effective date of the quarter hour rates in the near future under a separate letter. Until written notification is received, districts should continue to use their approved shared aide rate code.

Social services districts currently exploring development of shared aide programs may wish to use the new rate codes for planning purposes and for contract negotiations with potential provider agencies.

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If you have any questions about the content of this memorandum, you may contact Richard D. Alexander of my staff at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-5654.

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