

PCA Temporary Rate Increase Distribution Plan

In response to COVID-19, the Minnesota Legislature approved a temporary rate increase of 8.4% to begin tentatively December 1, 2020, running approximately 9 weeks. Per legislative language, at least 80% of the increase must go toward wages and benefits for PCA's and the corresponding increase in the employer's share of FICA taxes, Medicare taxes, state and federal unemployment taxes, and workers' compensation premiums. Any additional funding, up to 20% to support compliance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on sanitation and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

MRCI will be putting 100% of this increase toward wages and benefits, including corresponding employer taxes.

Wages will be paid out in the form of three-monthly payments beginning in January 2021 with all fund distributed before April 8, 2021. The addition of these funds will not change the units available in any fashion; however, the disbursement will count as income and Paid Parent of Minor and Spouse caps do apply.

If, as a PCA, you do not feel that you have received the wage increase or benefit as specified in this plan, please contact

Mail:

Minnesota Department of Human Services
Community Supports and Continuing Care for Older Adults
PCA Temporary Rate Increase
P.O. Box 64967
St. Paul, MN 55164-0967

Email: dhs.ccarates@state.mn.us

Phone: 651-431-4300

Note: The telephone number listed is a voice number. TDD users may call the Minnesota Relay at 711 or 800-627-3529. For the speech-to-speech relay, call 877-627-3848.

Thank you for your work during this difficult and historical time. MRCI encourages everyone to continue following all CDC guidelines to protect yourself and those you support.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the distribution plan, please connect with our Program Specialist for more information.

Kindly Yours,
MRCI CDS

For further information, see the attached DHS bulletin.

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