

Distribution Plan for the COVID-19 temporary 8.4% rate increase

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living

This plan will be posted onsite at 530 Robert St North and online at www.mcil-mn.org from December 20, 2020 until at least January 30, 2021

In response to COVID-19, the Minnesota Legislature approved a temporary rate increase of 8.4% to begin tentatively on Dec. 1, 2020 and will be in effect until approximately February 7, 2021. The legislature is requiring that each PCA agency dedicate 80% of the temporary increase towards wages, benefits, and payroll taxes for PCAs. This amounts to 6.72%. As a result of this legislation, you will see a direct 6% increase in your wages (retroactive to 12/01/20). The remaining .72% goes toward increase in FICA taxes, Medicare taxes, state/federal unemployment taxes and workers' compensation premiums. The other 20% must be spent on the cost for activities and items necessary to support compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on sanitation and personal protective equipment.

This rate increase does **not** apply to Qualified Professionals or office staff.

If any PCA does not feel that they received the compensation related increase as required, you should contact Michelle Vrieze at 651-603-2030, and you may also contact the Department of Human Services:

By 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

By Email

Email questions to dhs.ccarates@state.mn.us. DHS will direct the questions to the person who can best provide an answer.

By Phone

If -you have questions, you can call the DSD Response Center at 651-431-4300. DHS will direct the questions to the person who can best provide an answer.

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.

Reference: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/pca-enhanced-rate/covid-8.4-increase.jsp>