

Home and Community Based Services Rate Determination

Forum # 2 -
Clinical Services and Clinical Therapy Services

Sections 19, 20, 21, 40, 96, & 102

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Public Consulting Group and Maine Department of Health and Human Services
(DHHS)

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Welcome and Reminders

- This effort includes:
 - Nine different policy sections within the MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM)
 - ~130 service codes
- This effort seeks greater alignment across sections of policy
 - This means draft rates can increase and/or decrease for similar services across different sections to create greater consistency and equity
- Some rates are required to comply with statutory requirements
 - E.g. 22 MRS §7402 requires that wage components equal at least 125% of minimum wage for essential support workers

Welcome and Reminders Cont.

- State and federal approval and funding impact implementation timelines and feasibility.
Things to consider:
 - Budgetary asks and approval from the Maine State Legislature
 - Rulemaking in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act process
 - Federal authority for changes which can include approval of:
 - State Plan Amendments (SPAs)
 - 1915(C) Waiver Amendments by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Cost neutrality is a requirement of 1915(C) waivers
- Draft rates are based on data submitted from providers and from external data sources
 - Some rates have not been updated in many years
 - Final rates may increase or decrease based upon further review and input
 - Draft rates are developed using inflation through January 2027 as illustration only

Introductions

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Rate Reform Process & Review

Rate Determination Process

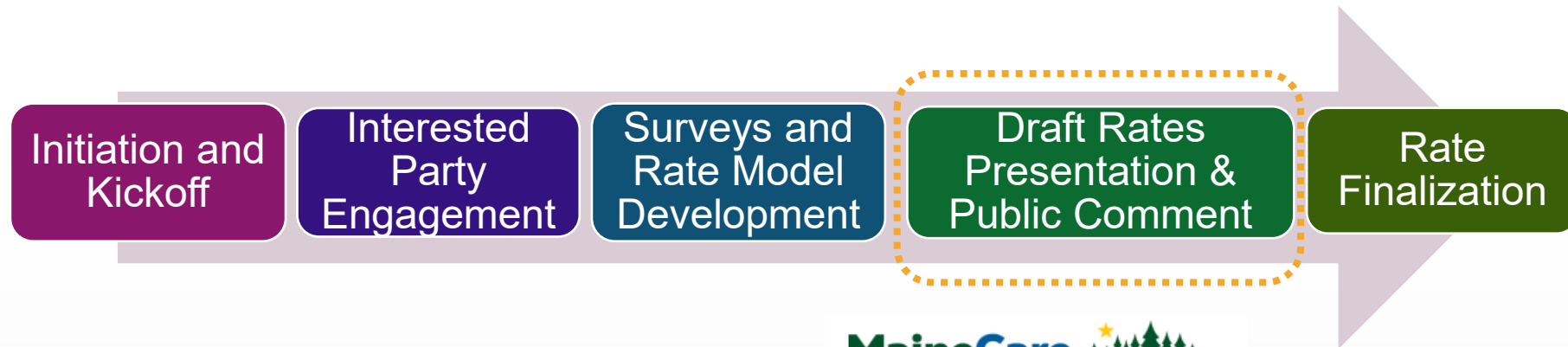
Stand-alone section of Maine law (22 M.R.S. § 3173-J) enacted in 2022, codifying process and principles for MaineCare Rate System:

- 1. Sets schedule for regular rate review and adjustment**
- 2. Ensures review of relevant state and national data to inform rate amounts and payment models.**
- 3. Formalizes clear and transparent process for rate determination.**
- 4. MaineCare Advisory Committee**
- 5. Technical Advisory Panel**

Rate Determination Process

Below outlines the rate determination process, currently, in the process of draft rate presentations and public comments.

1. Initiation notice sent on 6/4/2024
2. Kickoff meetings held 8/28/2024
3. Interested parties' engagement meeting series held 9/4/2024 – 10/9/2024
4. Surveys (10/22/2024 – 11/22/2024) and rate model development
5. **Draft rate presentations June 25, 26, 29, 2026**
6. Opportunity for written public comments are due by 7/13/2026
7. Department review and written response to comments
8. Rate Finalization



Draft Rate Model Meeting Series

To comprehensively review all impacted MaineCare rates across home and community-based services, there will be a series of three draft rate presentations organized by section and service type:

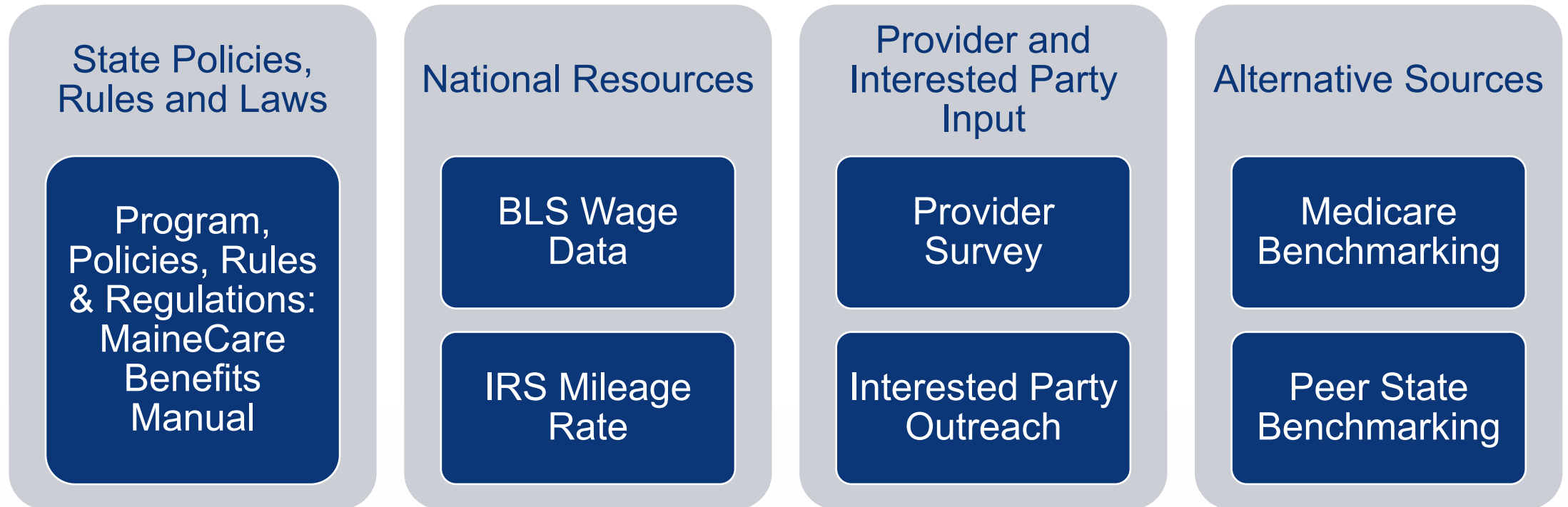
	Date & Time	Section	Service Categories
Meeting 1	June 25, 2026 11am	Sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 96	Care Coordination, Personal Support Services, and Supportive Skills Building
Meeting 2	June 26, 2026 10am	Sections 19, 20, 21, 40, 96, and 102	Clinical Services and Clinical Therapy Services
Meeting 3	June 29, 2026 1:30pm	Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 40	Therapeutic Interventions and Assistive Technology

Draft Rate Setting Methodology & Draft Model Inputs

Independent Draft Rate Model Approach

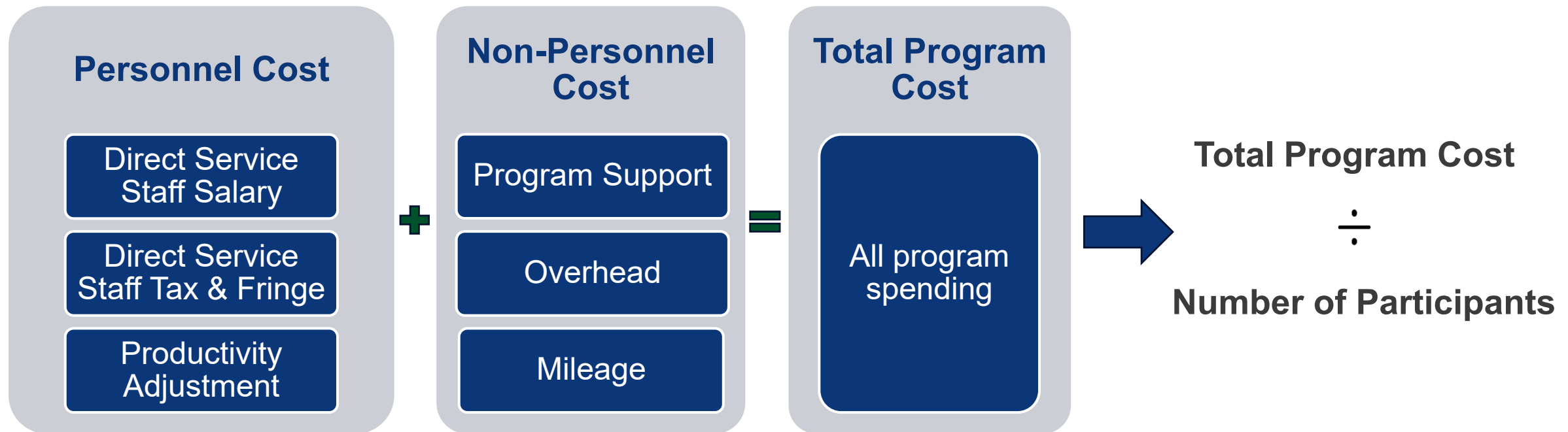
Independent rate models reflect the actual provider costs and use multiple data sources, as displayed below, to develop a final draft rate for each service.

The below data sources are all leveraged to support rate model inputs such as staff wages and benefits, staffing levels, service setting, time to complete service (such as documentation) and transportation costs.



Draft Rate Model Structure

Independent rate models reflect the actual provider costs and use multiple data sources. Below includes the high-level steps to calculate the service rates. Each group rate was calculated by dividing the number of participants by the total hourly individual rate.



A 10% incentive added for all group services.

Rate Model Structure: Benchmark Rate Variables

Rate Variable	Benchmark	Data Source	Notes
Direct Service Staff Wage*	Variable	BLS	Wage data pulled based on May 2024 BLS release.
Fringe & Benefits*	\$9.46 + 8.15%	BLS Dec 2024 & ME Tax	Variable adjustment to benefits based on wage for Maine specific payroll related taxes.
Non-Billable %	25%	Baseline Estimate	
Travel Time	10%	Baseline Estimate	
Overhead Costs	15%	CMS De Minimis Rate	Standard indirect cost rate used by CMS is used in the absence of reliable survey data.
Program Support	10%	Baseline Estimate	Assumption based on 4 hours of direct support per week.
Mileage Costs	\$0.70	Federal Mileage Rate	Cost of one hour traveling multiplied by the time spent traveling and average MPH.

* Rates have been adjusted for inflation through January 2027. This is subject to change.

Rate Model Structure: Draft Rate Model Example

	Step	Line Item	Cost Per Service Hour	Adjustment Factor	Adjustment Factor Notes
Direct Service Staff Costs	1	Direct Service Staff Hourly Wage	\$37.61	n/a	Direct Staff Salary based on May 2024 BLS Data
	2	Employee Benefit Rate	\$12.52	\$9.46 + 8.15%	Variable and fixed benefits based on Dec 2024 ECEC BLS Data.
	3	Total Compensation	\$50.14	n/a	Add hourly wage and benefits.
	4	Nonbillable & Travel Adjustment	1.54	35%	Apply 35% productivity adjustment. For every 40 hours worked, 26 is direct billable time, 4 is travel and 10 is additional non-billable.
	5	Direct Staff Cost per Billable Hour	\$77.13		Multiply the employee hourly plus benefits by the productivity adjustment.
Admin & Program Costs	6	Program Support Cost	\$10.28	10%	Use of national benchmarks of 10% program support costs.
	7	Indirect Cost per Billable Hour	\$15.43	15%	Use of national benchmarks of 15% indirect costs.
Miles Driven	8	Vehicle Mileage Costs	\$5.07	n/a	Cost of one hour of driving multiplied by average travel time per one hour of direct service.
	9	Total Cost	\$107.92		
	10	Final Draft Rate Per Unit	\$26.98	0.25	Multiply the service unit of 15 minutes by the final cost per hour.

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Wage Assumptions: Provider Survey Results

Wage assumptions included in the rate models are higher than wages reported through the provider survey. Survey data varied greatly among survey respondents, but responses were generally low.

Position Type	Provider Survey Data		Median 2024 BLS Data (with Jan '27 CAF)
	Average Reported	Responses	Total Wages Used in Model
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	\$19.41	8	\$23.67
Home Health Aide (HHA)	\$19.01	8	\$19.54
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	\$27.73	6	\$36.76
Occupational Therapist (OT)	\$38.75	4	\$42.64
Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA)	\$26.98	1	\$30.80
Personal Care Assistant (PCA)	\$18.02	22	\$19.54
Physical Therapist (PT)	\$47.05	3	\$48.71
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	\$29.36	2	\$31.56
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$37.86	12	\$42.99
Social Worker	\$30.53	2	\$37.61
Speech/Language Pathologist (SLP)	\$41.12	4	\$42.38

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Wage Assumptions: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) May 2024 Wages: Used to determine the appropriate wage for each position. Cross-industry median wages were used when available. Below is an example of a blended wage.

97129: Therapeutic Interventions for Cognitive Function

Position Title: Therapy + Therapy Assistant Blend

BLS Standard Occupational Classification	Weighting	Median Wage (Hourly Adj)
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29-1122 Occupational Therapists	50%	\$39.52
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31-2011 Occupational Therapy Assistants	20%	\$28.54
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29-1123 Physical Therapist	30%	\$45.14
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Weighted Average Hourly Wage:		\$42.90
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Wage Assumptions: Bureau of Labor & Statistics

Below are the wage assumptions for each position and blend included in the draft rate models across service types. This table is also included in the appendix.

BLS Position	BLS OCC Code	Total Hourly Wage (Jan '27 CAF)	Weighted %	BLS 2024 Median Hourly Wage
Certified Nurse Aide		\$23.67		
Nursing Assistant	31-1131		100%	\$21.94
Clinical Psychologist		\$50.65		
Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	19-3033		100%	\$46.94
Clinical Social Worker		\$37.61		
Healthcare Social Workers (MSW)	21-1022		100%	\$34.86
Healthcare Social Worker & Counselor Blend		\$30.72		
Healthcare Social Workers (MSW)	21-1022		50%	\$34.86
Rehabilitation Counselors	21-1015		50%	\$22.08
Home Health Aide		\$19.54		
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	31-1120		100%	\$18.11
Licensed Practical Nurse		\$36.76		
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	29-2061		100%	\$34.07
Registered Nurse		\$42.99		
Registered Nurse	29-1141		100%	\$39.84

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Fringe & Benefits

Benefit assumptions for direct support staff were based on the Employee Cost for Employee Compensation (ECEC) BLS average benefits for Private Industry Healthcare and Social Assistance as reported for December 2024. Since certain benefit assumptions are fixed, the benefit rate (as a percentage of wages) decreases as the wage increases.

Benefit category	Fixed vs. Proportionate	Inflation Applied Amount
Paid Leave	Fixed*	\$4.31
Insurance- Life, Health, and Disability	Fixed*	\$3.54
Retirement and Savings	Fixed*	\$1.60
Legally Required Benefits (Maine Payroll Tax)	Proportionate	8.15%

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Inflationary Factors

Inflation is applied to all developed rates in order to account for changes in the economic climate. These factors are calculated using the last 12 months of inflationary data.

Rate Application*	Year
108.25%	2027
111.15%	2028
114.13%	2029
117.19%	2030

**These rate applications apply the current inflation rate to forecast future years' rates*

The rate implementation year of January 2027 applies an inflation factor of 2.68% to all current rate models based on the most recent 12 months of inflationary data available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Inflation adjustments are applied to:

- BLS May 2024 wage
- December 2024 ECEC benefits

Draft Rate Recommendations

Rates Benchmarked to Medicare

The following draft rates are benchmarked against comparable Medicare services and/or rate models. The draft rates consider an implementation date of January 2027 which may be subject to change based on the actual date of implementation:

Code	Mod.	Policy Section	Description	Units	Medicare – Maine 99 Locality Rate	Benchmarked Rate (72.4%)	Current Rate	Change
96156	N/A	102	Health behavior assessment or reassessment - includes health-focused clinical interviews, behavioral observations, and clinical decision making	Per visit (Max 1/day)	\$105.16	\$76.14	\$24.28	+214%
96158	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face	First 30 mins	\$72.25	\$52.31	\$49.36	+6%
96159	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$24.88	\$18.01	\$24.68	-27%

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96164	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, group, face-to-face	First 30 mins	\$11.30	\$8.18	\$49.21	-83%
96165	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, group; face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$4.90	\$3.55	\$24.59	-86%
96167	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, family, face-to-face	First 30 mins	\$76.54	\$55.41	\$47.22	+17%
96168	N/A	102	Health behavior intervention, family, face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$27.70	\$20.05	\$23.62	-15%

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97129	ST	102	Therapeutic interventions that focus on cognitive function and compensatory strategies to manage the performance of an activity, direct patient contact; initial 15 mins	First 15 minutes	\$21.82	\$15.80	\$30.61	-48%
97130	ST	102	Add-on code: each additional 15 minutes	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$20.64	\$14.94	\$30.61	-51%

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Code	Mod.	Policy Section	Description	Units	Medicare – Maine 99 Locality Rate	Benchmarked Rate (72.4%)	Current Rate	Change
97535	N/A	102	Self Care/Home Management Reintegration	15 minutes	\$30.91	\$22.38	\$16.93	+32%
97535	HQ	102	Self Care/Home Management Reintegration – group	15 minutes	\$30.91	\$22.38	\$16.93	+32%
97537	N/A	102	Community/Work Reintegration	15 minutes	\$30.68	\$22.21	\$16.52	+34%
97537	HQ	102	Community/Work Reintegration – group	15 minutes	\$30.68	\$22.21	\$16.52	+34%

Clinical Services: Home Health Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0155	N/A	40	0561	Services of clinical social worker in home health setting	15 min	\$26.98	\$43.31	-38%
G0156	N/A	40	0571	Services of home health aide in home health setting	15 min	\$16.96	\$17.84	-5%

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Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0156	U7	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Health Service	15 min	\$16.96	\$8.61	+97%
G0156	U7 UN	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 2 members served	15 min	\$9.33	\$4.73	+97%
G0156	U7 UP	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 3 members served	15 min	\$6.22	\$3.44	+81%
G0156	U7 UQ	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 4+ members served	15 min	\$4.66	N/A	N/A

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Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0156	U7 TF	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Health Service	Per visit	\$67.82	\$34.34	+98%
G0156	U7 TF UN	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 2 members served	Per visit	\$37.30	\$18.88	+98%
G0156	U7 TF UP	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 3 members served	Per visit	\$24.87	\$13.74	+81%
G0156	U7 TF UQ	19	0571	Home Health Aide – Home Service – 4+ members served	Per visit	\$18.65	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Skilled Nursing

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Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
N/A	N/A	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN)	Per visit	\$119.84	\$64.30	+86%
N/A	UN	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) – 2 members served	Per visit	\$65.91	\$35.36	+86%
N/A	UP	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) – 3 members served	Per visit	\$43.94	\$25.71	+71%
N/A	UQ	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) – 4+ members served	Per visit	\$32.96	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Other Nursing (LPN)

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
N/A	N/A	19	0559	Other Nursing (LPN)	Per visit	\$106.03	\$46.84	+126%
N/A	UN	19	0559	Other Nursing (LPN) – 2 members served	Per visit	\$58.32	\$25.77	+126%
N/A	UP	19	0559	Other Nursing (LPN) – 3 members served	Per visit	\$38.88	\$18.73	+108%
N/A	UQ	19	0559	Other Nursing (LPN) – 4+ members served	Per visit	\$29.16	N/A	N/A

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The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0299	N/A	40	0551	Services of skilled nurse in home health setting (RN)	15 min	\$29.96	\$39.36	-24%
G0299	U7	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency)	15 min	\$29.96	\$16.48	+82%
G0299	U7 UN	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 2 members served	15 min	\$16.48	\$9.06	+82%
G0299	U7 UP	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 3 members served	15 min	\$10.99	\$6.60	+66%
G0299	U7 UQ	19	0551	Skilled Nursing Visit (RN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 4+ members served	15 min	\$8.24	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: RN Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0299	TD	96	0551	RN Services	15 min	\$29.96	\$16.48	+82%
G0299	TD UN	96	0551	RN Services – Multiple Patients (2)	15 min	\$16.48	\$9.06	+82%
G0299	TD UP	96	0551	RN Services – Multiple Patients (3)	15 min	\$10.99	\$6.60	+66%
G0299	TD UQ	96	0551	RN Services – Multiple Patients (4+)	15 min	\$8.24	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Nursing Visit (LPN)

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0300	N/A	40	0559	Services of skilled nurse in home health setting (LPN)	15 min	\$26.51	\$27.56	-4%
G0300	U7	19	0559	Nursing Visit (LPN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency)	15 min	\$26.51	\$11.69	+127%
G0300	U7 UN	19	0559	Nursing Visit (LPN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 2 members served	15 min	\$14.58	\$6.43	+127%
G0300	U7 UP	19	0559	Nursing Visit (LPN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 3 members served	15 min	\$9.72	\$4.68	+108%
G0300	U7 UQ	19	0559	Nursing Visit (LPN) (Non-Medicare Certified Home Health Agency) – 4+ members served	15 min	\$7.29	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: LPN Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0300	TE	96	0559	LPN Services	15 min	\$26.51	\$11.69	+127%
G0300	TE UN	96	0559	LPN Services – Multiple Patients (2)	15 min	\$14.58	\$6.43	+127%
G0300	TE UP	96	0559	LPN Services – Multiple Patients (3)	15 min	\$9.72	\$4.68	+108%
G0300	TE UQ	96	0559	LPN Services – Multiple Patients (4+)	15 min	\$7.29	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: CNA Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
T1004	U7	19	0581	CNA – Home Health Services	15 min	\$19.25	\$8.61	+124%
T1004	U7 UN	19	0581	CNA – Home Health Services – 2 members served	15 min	\$10.59	\$4.73	+124%
T1004	U7 UP	19	0581	CNA – Home Health Services – 3 members	15 min	\$7.06	\$3.44	+105%
T1004	U7 UQ	19	0581	CNA – Home Health Services – 4+ members	15 min	\$5.29	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Home Health Aide/CNA Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
T1004	N/A	96	0571	Home Health Aide/CNA Services	15 min	\$19.25	\$8.61	+124%
T1004	UN	96	0571	Home Health Aide/CNA Services – Multiple Patients (2)	15 min	\$10.59	\$4.73	+124%
T1004	UP	96	0571	Home Health Aide/CNA Services – Multiple Patients (3)	15 min	\$7.06	\$3.44	+105%
T1004	UQ	96	0571	Home Health Aide/CNA Services – Multiple Patients (4+)	15 min	\$5.29	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Independent RN Services

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
T1000	TD	96	N/A	Independent RN	15 min	\$29.96	\$16.48	+82%
T1000	TD UN	96	N/A	Independent RN, Multiple Patients (2)	15 min	\$16.48	\$9.06	+82%
T1000	TD UP	96	N/A	Independent RN, Multiple Patients (3)	15 min	\$10.99	\$6.60	+66%
T1000	TD UQ	96	N/A	Independent RN, Multiple Patients (4+)	15 min	\$8.24	N/A	N/A

Clinical Services: Consultations

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
H0031	U8	20	N/A	Consultation – Psychological (Psychologist, Psychological Examiner)	15 min	\$34.21	\$23.75	+44%
H0031	N/A	21	N/A	Consultation – Psychological	15 min	\$34.21	\$23.75	+44%

Clinical Therapy Services

The following raft rates pertain to Clinical Therapy Services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0155	U7	19	0561	Medical Social Services Visit – Home Health Services	15 min	\$26.98	\$13.77	+96%
G0155	U7 TF	19	0561	Medical Social Services Visit - Home Health Services	Per Visit	\$107.92	\$100.86	+7%
G9007	U8 HI	20	N/A	Consultation – Behavioral (LCSW, LCPC)	15 min	\$23.16	\$16.20	+43%
G9007	HI	21	N/A	Consultation – Behavioral	15 min	\$23.16	\$17.81	+30%

Clinical Services – Rate Decrease Explanation

The following draft rates pertain to Clinical services. These draft rates include estimated inflation through January 2027 and may be subject to change based on the date of implementation of any draft rates.

Code	Modifier	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
G0155	N/A	40	0561	Services of clinical social worker in home health setting	15 min	\$26.98	\$43.31	-38%
G0156	N/A	40	0571	Services of home health aide in home health setting	15 min	\$16.96	\$17.84	-5%

Rate decreases were seen for G0155 and G0156 for the following:

- For similar services across policy sections, the rate model uses the same or similar wages and model inputs to ensure consistency and equity for services across policy sections.
- This initiative to ensure consistency of rate methodology and equity across policy sections will lead to a decrease for some sections to align it with the same service in another policy section (such as G0299 in sections 19 and 96).

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G0299	N/A	40	0551	Services of skilled nurse in home health setting (RN)	15 min	\$29.96	\$39.36	-24%
G0300	N/A	40	0559	Services of skilled nurse in home health setting (LPN)	15 min	\$26.51	\$27.56	-4%

Rate decreases were seen for G0299 and G0300 for the following reasons:

- For similar services across policy sections, the rate model uses the same or similar wages and model inputs to ensure consistency and equity for services across policy sections.
- This initiative to ensure consistency of rate methodology and equity across policy sections will lead to a decrease for some sections to align it with the same service in another policy section (both codes are found in sections 19).

Clinical/Clinical Therapy Service - Rate Decrease Explanation

The following draft rates pertain to certain Clinical Servies. These draft rates represent a benchmark to the Medicare rate:

Code	Mod.	Policy Section	Rev. Code	Description	Units	Draft Rate	Current Rate	Change
96159	N/A	102	N/A	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$18.01	\$24.68	-27%
96164	N/A	102	N/A	Health behavior intervention, group, face-to-face	First 30 mins	\$8.18	\$49.21	-83%
96165	N/A	102	N/A	Health behavior intervention, group, face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$3.55	\$24.59	-86%
96168	N/A	102	N/A	Health behavior intervention, family, face-to-face	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$20.05	\$23.62	-15%
97129	ST	102	N/A	Therapeutic interventions that focus on cognitive function initial	First 15 minutes	\$15.80	\$30.61	-48%
97130	ST	102	N/A	Therapeutic interventions that focus on cognitive function - add-on code	Each add'l 15 minutes	\$14.94	\$30.61	-51%

22 M.R.S. § 3173-J(2)(C)(3) requires that MaineCare *determine whether a Medicare rate is available for the service and whether the Medicare rate represents the most appropriate benchmark and payment model.* These draft rate changes represent a change in methodology which consists of **benchmarking to 72.4% of the Medicare rate.**

Next Steps and Q&A

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Draft Model and Recommendations will be posted on June 29, 2026, for further public review.

Written Comment Period

- Open from June 25, 2026, to July 13, 2026
- Submit to project email RateReform.OMS@maine.gov
- All comments will be reviewed and summarized
- Consolidated document of comments and responses will be posted on the MaineCare Rate system Reform website
- Rate models will be reviewed and revised as Department deems appropriate

Participation Reminder

- The department is seeking detailed public review and comments of the draft rates.
- Final recommended rates may be lower or higher than draft rates based on public input

Q & A

Please be sure to introduce yourself (first and last name, title and organization you represent or your affiliation) and please try to keep questions and comments limited to three (3) minutes.

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The official comment period is now open. If you would prefer to submit comments in writing those can be submitted to: RateReform.OMS@maine.gov



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