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To: Home and Community Based Waiver Participants

From: Pam Smith
Director, Division of Community Alternatives

Date: February 11, 2022

Re: Home and Community Supports Rate Increase

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) wants to let you know the name and the rate for the Home and Community Supports service in the Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver is changing. **Beginning March 1, 2022**, Home and Community Supports will become Attendant Care. The rate will increase from \$2.88 per 15-minute unit to \$6.00 per 15-minute unit.

What Does This Mean for Me?

- The definition of Home and Community Supports **will not change** when it is called Attendant Care. You should not experience any service disruptions or changes.
- You will have more flexibility in how much you pay each of your Participant Directed Services (PDS) employees who provide this service. The pay rate can vary based on the type of work the person does for you or how much time they spend with you.
 - For example, if you have a PDS employee who helps you with light housework, you may choose to pay them a lower rate than a PDS employee who assists you with bathing, dressing, and grooming.
- If you want to change a PDS employee(s) rate, you will need to ask your Service Advisor to update your person-centered service plan (PCSP).

DMS is making this change to allow you to increase pay for your PDS employee(s) who provide this service. The goal is to make it easier for you to hire or keep PDS employees.



If you have questions, you can talk to your Service Advisor or you can contact Medicaid by calling the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614 or emailing 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Smith
Director, Division of Community Alternatives