

OPI Power Hour

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OPI Information and Updates



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Topics today will include:

- Transmittals
- Medical Deduction for specific diets
- OPI updates

APD-IM-21-115 OPI: Increased HCW rate paid by AAA's

- AAA Types: A & B
- HCW rate increase effective January 2, 2022

OPI HCW Hourly Rate	January 2, 2022		OPI HCW Hourly Rate	January 2, 2022
Base Pay Increase	Rate		PDC	Rate
HCW hourly wage	\$16.67		HCW hourly wage	\$17.17
FICA	\$1.28		FICA	\$1.31
Mileage	\$0.14		Mileage	\$0.14
Benefit Trusts	\$1.70		Benefit Trusts	\$1.70
Paid Time Off	\$0.20		Paid Time Off	\$0.20
Sick Leave	\$0.05		Sick Leave	\$0.05
FUTA/SUTA	\$0.47		FUTA/SUTA	\$0.48
WCD	\$0.02		WCD	\$0.02
WC	\$0.36		WC	\$0.36
Total cost per hour	\$20.89		Total cost per hour	\$21.44

APD-PT-21-034 Ratification of the 2021-2023 CBA pertaining to HCWs

- AAA Types: A & B
 1. Provide HCWs with a task list within 7 calendar days of hire.
 2. Provide HCWs with the 4105L letter when the HCW's pay is not processed timely and the HCW requests the letter.

{Date}

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform you [REDACTED] has submitted payment voucher(s) for services provided to consumer-employers who receive Medicaid services through the Department of Human Services.

Although Homecare Workers are employed by individual consumer-employers, the Department of Human Services, as the state Medicaid agency, provides administrative services on the consumer-employers' behalf. The administrative services provided include issuing payment, withholding taxes and other authorized deductions and any garnishments.

Due to the payment voucher(s) for the above named Homecare Worker not being processed timely by the local Aging and People with Disabilities or Area Agency on Aging office, payment will be delayed.

This letter is to inform you that prior to deductions noted above, payment was authorized in the total amount of \$ [REDACTED] as of the following date: [REDACTED].

This letter is being provided at the request of the above named Homecare Worker and does not create any additional financial liability for the consumer-employer, the Home Care Commission, Department of Human Services, its designee or State of Oregon for any reason.

Sincerely,

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3. Parking reimbursement requests from HCWs should be forwarded to OHCC at OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsosha.state.or.us
4. Do not knowingly authorize a HCW to work in a situation that is a threat to the HCW's health or safety.*
5. Provide HCWs with unopened boxes of masks and gloves when they are not available at the consumer-employer's residence. Requests for PPE can also be sent to OHCC.CustomerRelations@dhsosha.state.or.us

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6. Advise HCWs who request other PPE or safety equipment that the request must be submitted in writing. Once the HCW has provided a written request, it must be reviewed by the program manager or designated employee in the local office for approval.
7. Provide each consumer-employer with the option to have an emergency plan included in the service plan. *

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8. HCWs can now bring up concerns with local offices if they feel a consumer-employer needs an exception to the current authorized hours. Local office staff should review the information and contact the consumer-employer or the representative if an exception or an assessment may be needed.

*A transmittal will be issued to provide additional guidance.

APD-IM-21-116 Update to STIQ screen

- AAA Types: A & B
- Updated information for voucher clerks
- Previously, the only way to search on the STIQ screen was by branch.
- New ability to search by branch, voucher number, voucher date range, prime number or provider number.

Medical Deduction for special diets

- Expenses related to a special diet may be used as a medical deduction.
- In order to qualify, request that the consumer provide a doctor's order with an explanation on why the special diet is needed.
- The consumer will need to provide receipts for the amount that is spent monthly on the special food items.
- Keep copies of the documentation, either electronically or paper file for reference.
- This *does not* apply to medical conditions that *recommend* managing the types of food that are consumed. eg: low sugar, heart healthy, low carb.
- This *does* apply to medical conditions that require a change to the food that is consumed. Eg: celiac disease, dementia (meal supplements, thickener), ESRD
- If in doubt, send an email to: OPI.policy@dhsosha.state.or.us

OPI Updates

- OPI Monitoring
 - Due January 31, 2022
- Power Hour 2022 schedule
 - Switching to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm
 - Will move over to a Zoom meeting
- OPI 101 training
 - Next series will be held in March 2022





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General OPI Policy Questions

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