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# MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Medicaid Providers of Personal Care II Services**

**SUBJECT: I. CLTC: Reimbursement Changes for Personal Care II Services**  
**II. Changes in Scopes of Service for Personal Care Services**

## **I. CLTC: Reimbursement Changes for Personal Care Services**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will increase the rate of reimbursement for Personal Care II services beginning with dates of service **on or after July 1, 2006**. The current Personal Care II rate will be increased from \$12.80 per hour to \$14.80 per hour.

Claims for participants in the Community Choices, Mechanical Ventilation, HIV/AIDS waivers and children's personal care aide program will continue to be filed through the Care Call system. **Claims may not be filed outside of the Care Call system for these participants.** The following table lists the current procedure code utilized in each waiver and new rate effective with dates of service on and after July 1, 2006:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Procedure Description</b>	<b>Reimbursement Effective July 1, 2006</b>
<b>Community Choices</b>	T1019	Personal Care II	\$14.80/hour
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	T1019	Personal Care II	\$14.80/hour
<b>Mechanical Ventilation</b>	T1019	Personal Care II	\$14.80/hour
<b>Children's Nursing Service</b>	T1019	Personal Care II	\$14.80/hour
<b>Mental Retardation/ Related Disabilities</b>	T1019	Personal Care II	\$14.80/hour

## II. Changes in Scopes of Service for Personal Care Services

CLTC will be sending amended contracts to all providers to sign. The most recent contract amendments that CLTC is requiring of all personal care providers include:

1. The rate increase will be included in the contract amendment.
2. Beginning July 1, 2006, all agency providers will be required to perform criminal background checks for any new hires providing direct care services. Potential employees with felony convictions cannot be hired. Hiring of employees with misdemeanor convictions will be at the discretion of the provider.
3. Effective July 1, 2006, personal care workers will not be allowed to transport waiver participants. Personal care workers may still provide escort services if it is a part of the care plan.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2590.

Thank you for your continued participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program.

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