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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

TO: Aging Service Access Points Executive Directors

FROM: Lynn C. Vidler, Senior Director, Policy and Operations, Home Care, MBA, BSW

DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: Revised Cost Share Table for the Home Care Program 2024

Purpose:

This Program Instruction (PI) transmits the Financial Eligibility Guidelines that take effect on April 18, 2024, for the Home Care Program, and sets out the voluntary co-payment, cost sharing co-payment schedules.

Background:

The U.S. Social Security Administration recently announced a 3.2 percent Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase from calendar year 2023. Accordingly, monthly Social Security and SSI benefits will increase 3.2 percent in calendar year 2024.

As required under 651 CMR 3.04(4)(b), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) has adjusted the Financial Eligibility Guidelines to incorporate the COLA increase. By increasing these Financial Eligibility Guidelines, EOEA ensures anyone at or below Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be excluded from cost sharing for services.

Revised Voluntary Co-payment and Cost Share Schedule:

EOEA will continue to request a voluntary donation from consumers whose income does not exceed the amounts set forth in the Voluntary Co-payment section of the Financial Eligibility Guidelines. MassHealth members with any coverage type whose income is at or below 300% of Supplemental Security Income Federal Benefit Rate (SSI FBR) (\$2,829.00/month or \$33,948.00/year in CY 2024, regardless of marital status) are exempt from all co-payments, including voluntary co-payments. Aging Services Access Points (ASAPS) will continue to have the ability to waive and reduce co-payment amounts based on hardships that impact the consumer's ability to pay. The cost-share schedule below identifies the monthly co-payment amounts in accordance with the income guidelines at both the maximum fixed rate and as a percent of the cost of services received during the month. In addition, the cost-share schedule for two person is based on the joint income of a two-person married household.

Effective Date:

The effective date of this Program Instruction is April 18, 2024.

Contact:

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**MASSACHUSETTS HOME CARE PROGRAM
VOLUNTARY CO-PAYMENT AND COST SHARING SCHEDULES**

Issue Date: 3/18/24

Effective Date: 4/18/24

VOLUNTARY CO-PAYMENT:

Family size	Annual Gross Income	Voluntary Monthly Co-Payment
1	\$15,460 or less	\$10.00
2	\$20,820 or less	\$14.00

COST SHARING – MAXIMUM FIXED MONTHLY AMOUNT BASED ON SERVICES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH:

One Person Annual Gross Income			Max Fixed Monthly Co-pay	Two Person (Married) Annual Gross Income			Max Fixed Monthly Co-pay
\$15,461	-	\$18,634	\$10	\$20,821	-	\$25,682	\$14
\$18,635	-	\$21,987	\$13	\$25,683	-	\$30,869	\$18
\$21,988	-	\$24,285	\$27	\$30,870	-	\$33,481	\$40
\$24,286	-	\$26,022	\$39	\$33,482	-	\$36,086	\$55
\$26,023	-	\$27,757	\$49	\$36,087	-	\$38,698	\$68
\$27,758	-	\$29,488	\$69	\$38,699	-	\$41,312	\$96
\$29,489	-	\$31,225	\$90	\$41,313	-	\$43,916	\$126
\$31,226	-	\$32,954	\$125	\$43,917	-	\$46,531	\$176
\$32,955	-	\$34,733	\$141	\$46,532	-	\$49,145	\$199
MassHealth Members whose income is below \$33,948 (300% FBR) do not have a co-pay							

COST SHARING - PERCENT COPAYMENT BASED ON COST OF SERVICES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH:

One Person Annual Gross Income			Monthly Co-pay % of Services Received	Two Person (Married) Annual Gross Income			Monthly Co-pay % of Services Received
\$34,734	-	\$37,634	50%	\$49,146	-	\$50,810	50%
\$37,635	-	\$40,456	55%	\$50,811	-	\$53,629	55%
\$40,457	-	\$43,281	60%	\$53,630	-	\$56,456	60%
\$43,282	-	\$46,102	65%	\$56,457	-	\$59,276	65%
\$46,103	-	\$48,923	70%	\$59,277	-	\$62,099	70%
\$48,924	-	\$51,750	75%	\$62,100	-	\$64,920	75%
\$51,751	-	\$54,567	80%	\$64,921	-	\$67,744	80%
\$54,568	-	\$57,391	85%	\$67,745	-	\$70,565	85%
\$57,392	-	\$60,220	90%	\$70,566	-	\$73,387	90%
\$60,221	-	\$63,038	95%	\$73,388	-	\$76,212	95%
\$63,039	-	and over	100%	\$76,213	-	and over	100%