

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

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PERSONAL CARE AIDE SERVICES

For services provided on or after July 1, 1998. NMAP pays for personal care aide services at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge: or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code the Nebraska Medicaid Care Aide Fee Schedule.

The Department may adjust the fee schedule to:

1. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
2. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure: or
3. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is not appropriate.

Personal Assistance Services will be reimbursed at rates established and published by Nebraska Health and Human Services. Rates are based on experience or training of the Personal Assistance provider.

For purpose of establishing the provider payment rate. NMAP considers a provider of personal assistance services to be "specialized" the provider meets one of the following criteria and presents a copy of the certificate or license to the worker. The provider must:

1. Have successfully completed the American Red Cross Home-Bound Care Course or a basic aide training course that has been approved by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System;
2. Have passed the Nurse Aide Equivalency test;
3. Be a licensed R.N. or L.P.N: or
4. Have a total of 4160 hours of experience as a personal assistance service provider.

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