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Date: June 29, 1995

Division: Health and Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Personal Care Services: Quarter Hour Rate Codes

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the availability of new rate codes for use in the provision of personal care services. The new rate codes and descriptions are as follows:

<u>Rate Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
2593	PCA Level I, 1 Client, Quarter Hour
2594	PCA Level I, 2 Clients, Per Client, Quarter Hour
2595	PCA Level II, 1 Client, Quarter Hour
2596	PCA Level II, 2 Clients, Per Client, Quarter Hour
2597	PCA Level II, 1 Client, Hard to Serve, Quarter Hour
2598	PCA Level II, 2 Clients, Per Client, Hard to Serve, Quarter Hour
2599	PCA Level II, OMRDD, Quarter Hour

The quarter hour rate codes have been established to facilitate more efficient billing through MMIS for personal care services. These codes are intended to enhance the effective use of automated aide time recording systems. In addition, it is anticipated that the use of these codes will result in cost savings by minimizing the impact of paying for hours of service not actually provided.

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All personal care agencies with currently approved rates will have the appropriate quarter hour rate codes assigned to them. These rate codes may be used for prior approvals with dates of service beginning on August 1, 1995.

If you have any questions about the content of this memorandum, you may contact Richard D. Alexander, of my staff, at (518) 473-5506, or Rosemary Contompasis at (518) 473-5609

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