

July 30, 2020

<Provider Name>
<Provider Address 1>
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<City> <State> zipcode5-zipcode4

Dear Home Help Individual Caregiver:

RE: COVID-19 Premium Pay Extended Through September 30, 2020

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sending you this letter to let you know the \$2.00 per hour COVID-19 premium pay has been extended through September 30, 2020.

On May 1, 2020, MDHHS issued Letter L 20-26 to let you know about hourly rate increases in 2020. L 20-26 stated:

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, all individual caregivers are earning an extra \$2.00 per hour in premium pay. This hourly rate increase is for dates of service from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020, the premium pay will end.

Please note the \$2.00 per hour COVID-19 premium pay will **not** end on June 30, 2020. It will be paid through September 30, 2020, and end on October 1, 2020.

Individual caregivers should continue to follow the guidance issued in March 2020 titled "Actions for Caregivers of Older Adults During COVID-19" along with the document "Actions for Caregivers for Older Adults Addendum Frequently Asked Questions". These documents describe recommendations for in-home direct care workers and methods to assure a face-to-face visit is needed. The documents can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> and go to "Resources", then "For Health Professionals".

L 20-45

If you have questions, contact Provider Support at 1-800-979-4662 or via email at providersupport@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Massey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Massey, Director
Medical Services Administration