

**Subject** Home care services rate increase

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## Overview

This bill provides for MA rate increases for certain home care services including home health aide visits, respiratory therapy, home health services, and home care nursing services.

Home care provides medical and health-related services and assistance with day-to-day activities to people in their home. It can be used to provide short-term care for people moving from a hospital or nursing home back to their home, or it can also be used to provide continuing care to people with ongoing needs. Home care services may also be provided outside the person's home when normal life activities take them away from home.

## Summary

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1	<b>Rate increase for certain home care services.</b>
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Requires the commissioner of human services to increase payment rates for: (1) home health aide visits by 14 percent from the rates in effect on December 31, 2023; and (2) respiratory therapy, home health services (not including home health aide visits), and home care nursing services by 55 percent from the rates in effect on December 31, 2023. Requires the commissioner to apply annual statutory rate increases to the rates resulting from the rate increases in this section.

Provides a January 1, 2024, effective date, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.