

UNLOCK FY 2017 ICWP RATE INCREASE REQUEST (DCH BUDGET)

PERSONAL SUPPORT RATES	Current Medicaid Reimbursement Rates per hr (Dec. 2015)	Cost projection combines ICWP levels I and II	Proposed New Medicaid Reimbursement Rates per hr	Difference
ICWP Level I	\$11.76	ICWP: Old Level I Becomes New Level I	\$17.96 (new ICWP Level I)	\$6.20
ICWP Level II	\$13.76	ICWP: Old Level II Becomes New Level I	\$17.96 (new ICWP Level I)	\$4.20
ICWP Level III	\$15.76	ICWP: Old Level III Becomes New Level II	\$20.20 (new ICWP Level II)	\$4.44
CCSP Extended	\$17.96	-----	-----	-----
CCSP	\$20.20	-----	-----	-----

Problem: ICWP is the **lowest reimbursed Medicaid waiver by far**. Georgians on ICWP are **in crisis** because they **cannot find and keep qualified caregivers** at such a low rate.

The Solution: Raise the ICWP Personal Support rates to mirror the CCSP/SOURCE Personal Support rates, so Georgians and their families can find and keep adequate caregivers. Based on cost projections provided by DCH in February 2016, the fiscal impact in state dollars for FY 2017 to do this would be: \$3,774,382

Here are the specifics of what the cost projection does as described by DCH: "These numbers take level one and level two and combine them into level 1. We then pay level 1 at \$17.96 per hour. All hours previously authorized under level 1 and level 2 in ICWP at \$11.76 and \$13.76 would now be authorized at \$17.96. Level 3 would become level 2. We then pay level 2 at \$20.20. All authorized level 3 hours would move from \$15.76 to \$20.20."

UNLOCK ASK: Therefore, we recommend raising the ICWP Personal Support rates to mirror the CCSP/SOURCE Personal Support rates in FY 2017. **FY 2017 budget impact: \$3,774,382**

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