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# HIP & FUTURECARE PERSONAL HOME CARE BENEFIT GUIDE

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All forms required for policyholders and providers are included in this Guide.

You can also obtain the forms from the website: <u>www.gov.bm/personal-home-care-benefit</u>, or directly from the Health Insurance Department.

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# **Benefit Overview**

The Personal Home Care Benefit (PHC) was introduced in 2015 as a HIP and FutureCare benefit under the Health Insurance Act 1970.<sup>1</sup> The Benefit assists FutureCare and HIP policyholders with the costs of personal care services in their home.

- The benefit requires a 'Request for Benefit' by the policyholder, their family or healthcare provider on their behalf.
- **Prior approval** by the Health Insurance Department (HID) Nurse Case Manager team is necessary to start any payments under this benefit.
- Personal Home Personal Home Care Providers (Care Providers) must be registered with Ageing • and Disability Services (ADS) and HID to be paid for this benefit. Please see full details in the Personal Home Care (PHC) Service Providers Section.
- The specific type and amount of services the policy holder may be covered for under this benefit • is determined by an individual assessment of the policy holder's care needs.
- This benefit does not cover rest home or nursing home care nor caregiving while the policyholder • is admitted or inpatient at the hospital.

pe and Services of Persona	l Home Care Benefit	Maximum Limits*					
Care Provider	Type of Care	Reimbursed Rate	Quantity	Pro-rated Max Monthly Reimbursement			
Personal Caregiver	Assistance with personal care and /or dementia care	\$15/hr	40 hr/wk	\$2,610			
Skilled Caregiver (Nursing Associate/Geriatric Aide)	Nursing aide services for health monitoring, complex care (e.g. catheter/wound care)	\$25/hr	14 hr/wk	\$1,525			
Registered Nurse	Assessments of health conditions, treatments, medication handling, complex wound care, care planning, education of other care givers	\$75/hr	12 visits/yr	NA			
Day Care Program	Social and recreational activities	\$25/half day or \$50/day	\$200/wk	\$867			

#### Type and Services of Personal Home Care Benefit

\*This benefit has a maximum benefit limit of \$60,000 per policy year for any combination of services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S.9B Health Insurance (FutureCare plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 2009 and S.13A Health Insurance (Health Insurance Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 2009

# **Policyholders - How to Receive the Benefit**

# **Eligibility Criteria:**

To receive this benefit the policyholder must:

- Have an ongoing HIP or FutureCare policy for at least one year;
- Be unable to care for their personal care needs in two or more areas, or, have dementia plus one other personal care need. Examples of personal care needs are: bathing, dressing, moving, eating, and toileting;
- Agree to ongoing case management; and
- Be able to hire and manage their Care Provider(s) or have a responsible person to do this for them.

#### How does the benefit work?

- 1. Submit a completed <u>Personal Home Care Services Request for Benefit form</u> (page 17 in this guide) with a Physician's letter. A template for the Physician's letter can be seen on page 19 in this guide.
- 2. A HID Nurse Case Manager will arrange for a home or hospital assessment.
- 3. If approved for the benefit, a benefit approval letter/email will be given to the policyholder with information about the type and amount of care covered by the benefit.
- 4. The benefit starts from the date the policyholder is approved.
- 5. The policyholder, or their responsible person, must find and hire a **registered Personal Home Care Provider** (See the Sample Client and Care Provider Contract in this Guide recommended to be completed when hiring a caregiving provider).
- 6. The policyholder, or their responsible person, must review and sign every Claim Form submitted by the Care Provider to HID for payment.
- 7. The benefit only pays for approved services at set rates. HID pays the Care Provider directly. Any services or charges that are more than what the policyholder is approved for are the policyholder's responsibility.

#### **Personal Home Care Providers**

Personal Home Care Providers (Care Provider) must be registered with Ageing and Disability Services (ADS) and HID to receive payment from the Benefit.

• To find a registered Care Provider, go to <u>www.helpingservices.bm</u>

# Personal Home Care (PHC) Care Providers

HID pays Care Providers of personal home care services directly for PHC services delivered to the policyholder approved for the Benefit.

#### Care Providers must be registered in order to receive payment.

Family and friends may register as a Care Provider if they meet the registration requirements. Family members are expected to provide voluntary care to their family member up to 12 hours per day without payment. The care plan assessment factors in family member involvement into the PHC care plan calculation.

There are 4 different types of Care Providers:

- 1. Personal Caregivers
- 2. Skilled Caregivers (Nursing Associate/Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Aide)
- 3. Registered Nurses
- 4. Day Care Programs

# **Steps for Registration**

Registration with ADS is done through their web portal on <u>www.helpingservices.bm</u>.

- 1. Open a web browser and enter the web address www.helpingservices.bm in the address bar and tap Enter.
- 2. The Directory of Helping Services web page opens.
- 3. Click on the "Registering as a Homecare Provider" link, the sub-menu appears and click on the link for Provider FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). The web link is: <u>https://helpingservices.bm/registration-process-2/</u>
  - i. Applicants should read the FAQ document as it contains the steps on how to complete the registration with ADS and the documents required per provider type.
- 4. Once registration is complete with ADS, ADS will email a letter with confirmation of approval, date approved and expiry date of registration.
  - i. The letter contains a link to the Health Insurance Department's Electronic Payment Agreement Form (website link or they can use the one in Appendix). If the applicant expects to submit claims for HID policyholders, the applicant must fill out and sign the Electronic Payment Agreement and submit it to the Health Insurance Department.
    - 1. If the care provider expects reimbursement from other Government Departments, (e.g. Department of Social Insurance and Department of Financial Assistance) they will need to provide their payment information to the other departments.
  - ii. The completed Electronic Payment Agreement (EPA) form can be dropped off at HID, sent to HID via mail, or sent via email to hidproviders@gov.bm.
  - iii. Once HID completes setup of the EPA, the provider will receive a welcome kit from HID which details how to submit claims.
- 5. All Care Providers must re-register every two years with ADS and be in good standing to remain as a registered caregiver.
  - i. Nurse Associates and Registered Nurses Care Providers who register with ADS as a Skilled Caregiver or Registered Nurse must be registered, and active, with the Bermuda Nursing Council. The active registration with the Bermuda Nursing Council and ADS are required for being able to submit claims and be paid for Skilled Caregiving and Registered Nursing services under this benefit.

# **Care Provider Claims Submission & Payment Process**

To receive payment for home care services provided to HID policyholders, Care Providers MUST fill out and submit a claim form to HID. The following steps **must** be completed:

- 1. **Complete the Claim Form:** this can be at any point after the services have been provided daily, weekly, every two weeks, monthly, etc. The frequency of submitting claims is an agreement made between the policyholder, or their responsible person, and the Care Provider. Additional guidelines are as follows:
  - Care Providers <u>may only bill for services they delivered directly</u>.
    - i. Care Providers must not submit claims in their name if a different provider is providing the PHC care.
  - Care Providers may only submit a claim for actual dates, and times of service that they provided care while on island to the client.
    - i. Care Providers must not submit claims for times
      - 1. That the Care Provider is away from their clients (e.g. provider is ill or on vacation).
      - 2. When the client is in-patient at the hospital. The PHC benefit does not cover caregiving services performed while the policyholder is admitted or inpatient at the hospital or resides fulltime at a nursing or rest home facility.
  - Upfront payments may not be requested from clients before service is delivered.
  - Care Providers can only submit claims for those services they are registered for.
    - i. E.g. A Care Provider registered as a personal caregiver will not be reimbursed if they submit a claim for skilled caregiving.
  - Care Providers will only be reimbursed for those services / hours approved in the policyholder's PHC care plan.
    - If the approved care plan exceeds the HID maximum benefits for the type of service, or the number of hours negotiated between the policyholder and Care Provider exceed the approved care plan, the additional hours denied over the HID maximums (or approved care plan) are the responsibility of the policyholder to cover.
  - Care Providers must have their claim sheets <u>signed off by the policyholder or their responsible</u> <u>party</u> after the services have been rendered (no pre-authorization on claim forms).
    - i. Care Providers must not sign off on their claim sheet on behalf of the policyholder or responsible person unless the Care Provider is the responsible person.
  - If a Care Providers has more than one policyholder client, a <u>Personal Home Care Services</u> <u>Claim Form</u> (included in this Guide) must be completed for each client.

• Detailed instructions on filling in the claim form and examples of completed forms can be seen in section "Caregiving Claim Form Guidance and examples"

# 2. Submit the Claim:

- Once the Claim for is completely filled out and signed off by the policyholder or responsible person, the claim should be submitted to HID via one of the following methods:
  - i. **Email**: hidclaims@gov.bm in the subject line put: Claim for Personal Home Care Services Provider or Caregiver Name; or
  - ii. **Hand Deliver to**: Health Insurance Dept., Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church St, Hamilton. PHC care provider are required to sign the PHC log when they drop off their claim; or
  - iii. Mail to: Health Insurance Dept., PO Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX

#### **Special Notes:**

- a) For Department of Financial Assistance (DOFA) and Department of Social Insurance (DOSI) War Veterans participants who qualify for HID's Personal Home Care Benefit, claims must be submitted to HID. HID is first Payor.
- b) If the DOFA and DOSI participant does not qualify for HID's Personal Home Care benefit, claims are to be submitted to DOFA or DOSI respectively.
  - c) Claims that are not submitted correctly and/or are incomplete will be denied by HID.
- 3. **Reimbursement:** Approved claims are paid to the Care Provider by an electronic transfer.
  - HID has thirty (30) days per legislation to reimburse a clean claim from date of submission.
  - The transfer is made to the bank account provided on the <u>HID Electronic Payment Agreement</u> <u>Form</u> submitted to the Health Insurance Department as part of the provider registration.
  - HID will send the Care Providers (or Agency) an Explanation of Payment (EOP).
    - i. New Care Providers are setup with access to HID's EOP web portal. Care Providers will receive an email when their new EOPs are uploaded to the site.
      - 1. For Care Providers without email or access to a computer, paper copies are mailed out to the address provided during registration at ADS.

#### Special Notes:

- d) Care Providers must make sure all their email and other contact information is up to date with both ADS and HID. Care Providers must communicate changes to both departments as soon as possible.
- e) For those DOFA and DOSI War Veteran participants that have HID's Personal Home Care benefit and who qualify for additional benefit support from DOFA and DOSI, HID will send the denied portion of the home care claims to the respective Departments for them to reimburse as per their policies.

# **Caregiving Claim Form Guidance and examples**

All fields in the <u>Personal Home Care Services Claim Form</u> (included in this Guide) must be filled-in for the claim to be deemed complete:

- 1. Fill in the policyholder's name, policy ID and date of birth in the associated fields.
- 2. For "Provider to be Paid" field enter the name of the Care Providers if self-employed caregiver or Agency/Facility name if an agency is engaged to provide care.
  - The "Care Provider Name" field should only be used if an Agency is employed to care giving.
- 3. Ensure the policyholder and Care Provider information is complete.
  - Place of Service: check the applicable box to indicate where the services were provided.
    - Note: Care provided while policyholder is in hospital is not covered by the benefit.
- 4. At the end of each day or session, the caregiving provider fills-in the following information:
  - Date
  - The CPT code:
    - The codes are at the top of the form. The code to be used is based on the approved type of care provided, not the qualifications of the provider. The policyholder's approval letter/email states their approved type of care.
    - In some cases, more than one type of care may be approved and provided by one care provider. For example, a Nursing Associate may provide both the personal caregiving (G0156) and the skilled caregiving (S9122) for the same policyholder. The caregiving provider records on a separate line on the same time sheet the hours worked each day by CPT code.
      - 1. If a Care Provider is providing more than one type of service per the approved care plan, the time submitted for each service type should **not** overlap.
  - Start time
  - Stop time
  - Total hours worked per day
    - The hours recorded **must** be in full hours; partial hours cannot be accepted
  - Indicate the hourly rate charged for services
    - For a daycare program put the rate charged by day or half day.
    - For Care Providers who deliver more than one type of care and charge different ratesindicate each rate in relation to type of care.
  - **Charges per day:** charges are calculated by multiplying the Total Hours by the Hourly Charge.
- 5. The Care Provider signs the form at the end of the pay period.
- 6. The policyholder (or their responsible person) **must also review the content of the form and sign**, when in agreement.

See the examples of completed forms and explanations.

For more information about the payment process, see the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> in this guide or contact HID directly.

# Example 1: Personal Home Care Claim Form – Self Employed Care Provider

Policyholder, John C. Doe, is approved for 14 hours of personal caregiving and 4 hours of skilled caregiving services per week. Jane P. Doe is a registered Skilled Caregiving Provider and charges \$18 per hour for personal caregiving and \$25.00 per hour for skilled caregiving.

- On Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Jane Doe provided personal caregiving services from 9 am-12:00 pm or 3 hours in total. She also did 2 hours of skilled caregiving services from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- On the first line of the claim form, she enters her personal caregiving hours using CPT Code G0156. On the second row, she enters the same date and the start and end times for the hours she worked as a skilled caregiver and uses CPT code S9122.
- On the first line, her total hours were 3.
- On the second line, her total hours were 2.
- The hourly charge for personal caregiving \$18.00 is entered on line 1 for January 4<sup>th</sup>. Her hourly charge for skilled caregiving is \$25.00 and is entered on line 2 for January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan 4<sup>th</sup> charges: line one is hours multiplied by \$18.00 for a total of \$54.00
- Jan 4<sup>th</sup> charges: line 2, are 2 hours multiplied by \$25.00 for a total of \$50.00

In this example, Jane P. Doe submitted a total of 10 hours at \$18.00 per hour for a total claimed amount of \$180.00. HID would pay Jane P. Doe a total of \$150.00. This is because the maximum reimbursement rate for this type of care (personal caregiving) is \$15.00 per hour (\$15.00\*10 hrs = \$150.00).

Jane charged 7 hours at \$25.00 for a total claimed amount of \$175. HID would reimburse \$175.00 as reimbursable rate from HID for skilled caregiving is \$25.00.

John Smith is responsible to pay Jane P. Doe the remaining \$30.00 for this period (\$180.00-\$150.00 = \$30.00).

#### Example 1: PHC Claim Form – Self-employed Caregiving Provider

BOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA Health Insurance Department Personal Home Care Services - Claim Form

#### **Basic Guidelines for this Form:**

- This Claim Form must be submitted to Health Insurance Department (HID);
  - Only Caregivers registered with ADS may be reimbursed for this benefit by HID, and only as the level of service provider(s) they
- are registered for.
  - Reimbursement is limited to level of care the HID policyholder is approved for, and not according to caregiver qualifications.
- Benefit does not cover caregiving when policyholder is admitted or in hospital;
   Caregivers are employed by policyholder not HID.

<ul> <li>Caregivers are en</li> </ul>								
				HID Policy ID:		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		
John C. Doe				000000	07	7/25/	1943	
Provider to be Paid (A	Provider to be Paid (Agency or Individual Caregiver Name):			Care Provider Nam	e (If diffe	erent	from Provider to be Paid):	
Jane C Doe								
Caregivers can only charge for the services that they are registered for:						Plac	e of Service:	
Personal Caregiver (CG,	NA, RN): G0156	Adult [	Day Care (AD): 5	65101 (half day or 4 ho	urs)	0 (1	2) Home	
Skilled Caregiver (NA, R	N): S9122		:	65102 (full day)		🗆 (3	<ol><li>Nursing Home (for day care)</li></ol>	
Registered Nurse (RN):	S9124					□ (3	<ol><li>Rest Home (for day care)</li></ol>	
				Total Hours (Full	Hour	ly	Charges	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	CPT Code	Start Time	End Time	hours only)	Char	ge	(Total Hours x Hourly Charge)	
01/04/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	3	\$18.0	00	\$54.00	
01/04/2018	\$9122	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	2	\$25.0	00	\$50.00	
01/05/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	3	\$18.0	00	\$54.00	
01/06/2018	S9122	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	3	\$25.0	00	\$75.00	
01/07/2018	G0156	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	4	\$18.0	00	\$72.00	
01/07/2018	S9122	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	2	\$25.0	00	\$50.00	
Policyholder or Respo	nsible Person	Signature: "I co	nfirm receipt ar	nd authorize payment	of medica	l bene	fits to the undersigned	
provider/caregiver for t	he service(s) des	cribed above."						
Signed: Policyho	lder's Signatur	e			Date (r	mm/d	d /yyyy): 01/08/2018	
Care Provider's Signat	ure: Ca	regiver's Signa	ature		Date (r	mm/d	d /yyyy): 01/08/2018	
	Mailing Add	ress: Health Insu	rance Departm	ent, P.O. Box HM 2160	, Hamiltor	h HM J	X	

Street Address: Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12

# Example 2: Personal Home Care Claim Form – Agency/Employed Caregiver:

Jane C. Smith is approved for 40 hours of personal caregiving services per week. Sally P. Doe is a care provider who is employed by a registered Agency who charges \$18 per hour for her services.

- On Jan 4<sup>th</sup> the provider worked from 9am-5pm, 8 hours in total.
- CPT Code G0156 is used for this type of care, see top of form for codes.
- To work out the number of units: For CPT code GO156, 1 unit is equal to 1 hour so the total number of units recorded for Jan 4<sup>th</sup> is **8**.
- The Hourly Charge of \$18.00 is entered for January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Charges for Jan 4<sup>th</sup> are 8 hours/units multiplied by \$18.00. The amount recorded is \$144.00

# Example 2: PHC Claim Form – Home Care Agency Caregiving Provider

BOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA Health Insurance Department Personal Home Care Services - Claim Form

#### **Basic Guidelines for this Form:**

- This Claim Form must be submitted to Health Insurance Department (HID);
- Only Caregivers registered with ADS may be reimbursed for this benefit by HID; and only as the level of service provider(s) they
  are registered for.
- Reimbursement is limited to level of care the HID policyholder is approved for, and not according to caregiver qualifications.
- Benefit does not cover caregiving when policyholder is admitted or in hospital;
- Caregivers are employed by policyholder, not HID.

Policyholder's Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):				HID Policy ID:	Di	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):			
Jane C. Smith				000000 07			07/25/1940		
Provider to be Paid (Agency or Individual Caregiver Name):				Care Provider Nam	e (If diffe	erent	from Provider to be Paid):		
Agency Name		Sally P. Doe							
Caregivers can only char Personal Caregiver (CG, Chilled Caregiver (MA)	Day Care (AD): S	5101 (half day or 4 ho	urs)	□ (1	e of Service: 2) Home				
Skilled Caregiver (NA, RI Registered Nurse (RN):	S9124		3	5102 (full day)			<ol> <li>Nursing Home (for day care)</li> <li>Rest Home (for day care)</li> </ol>		
				Total Hours (Full	Hour		Charges		
Date (mm/dd /yyyy)	CPT Code	Start Time	End Time	hours only)	Char	ge	(Total Hours x Hourly Charge)		
01/04/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8	\$18.0	00	\$144.00		
01/05/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8	\$18.0	00	\$144.00		
01/06/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8	\$18.0	00	\$144.00		
01/07/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8	\$18.0	00	\$144.00		
01/08/2018	G0156	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8	\$18.0	00	\$144.00		
Policyholder or Respo provider/caregiver for the	he service(s) desc	ribed above."	nfirm receipt an	d authorize payment			-		
	lder's Signature						d /yyyy): 01/08/2018		
Care Provider's Signat	ure: Ca	regiver's Signa	ature		Date (r	nm/d	d /yyyy): 01/08/2018		

Mailing Address: Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX

Street Address: Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# **Benefits:**

#### Can anyone have their caregiving paid for by FutureCare or HIP?

No. The person with HIP or FutureCare must apply and be approved for the Personal Home Care Benefit. See Policyholders section of the Guide for more information.

#### If my loved one is unable to make their own decisions, can they receive this benefit?

Yes, but only if they have a responsible person to oversee their caregiving needs.

#### When is a responsible person required?

A responsible person is required when the policyholder is unable to oversee and manage their own care. This is most often required for persons with dementia.

#### Who can be a responsible person and what do they do?

A responsible person is someone committed to the care of the policyholder. They are most often: next of kin, a family member, the person with power of attorney, or a very close friend. The case manager must be assured the person is able to act in the best interest of the policyholder and fulfill their role.

#### The role of the responsible person is to:

- Hire and oversee care providers; and
- Approve and sign the Claim Forms submitted by the care provider for payment; and
- Participate in the policyholder's ongoing care

#### What is personal care?

Personal Care is support with activities of daily living (ADLS) which include:

- Assistance with moving from one place to another while performing activities
- Bathing and showering
- Dressing

- Self-feeding
- Personal hygiene and grooming
- Toilet hygiene
- Personal safety

Support for instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) is approved<u>only</u> if a personal also requires assistance with ADLs. IADLS include:

- Preparing meals
- Taking medications as prescribed
- Shopping for groceries or clothing
- Use of telephone or other form of communication
- Transportation

#### Are there limits to the benefit?

Yes. The total amount and type of services to be received by each policyholder is based on their care plan. Each type of service has a maximum fee per hour and maximum pro-rated amounts per month. In addition, there is a maximum of \$60,000 per policy year for any combination of services. See page 5 for the overview of the services, rates and maximum pro-rated amounts per month.

#### How does an assessment get completed?

An assessment is the collection and analysis of information related to the policyholder's health, function, and needs for support to enable them to live safely at home. The assessment is done in the policyholder's home or in hospital, and, if

necessary, with their responsible person. One of the HID nurse case managers, or designated nurse or case manager, will complete the assessment.

#### What is a care plan?

A care plan outlines the type and amount of care and support services needed by a policyholder. This is decided by their assessment. The benefit approval letter/email states the amount and type of benefits the policyholder can get based on their care plan and the benefit limits.

#### Can a care plan include more services than what is covered by the benefit?

Yes. The care plan completed by the HID nurse case manager includes the total amount of care necessary for the policyholder. However, the benefit has limits on the type and amount of services it pays for which may be less than what is required in the care plan.

#### What happens if the policyholder needs or wants more care than they are approved for?

HID will only pay for the care listed in the benefit approval letter/email at the set rates. The policyholder is responsible for any additional costs.

#### If a policyholder currently gets their home care paid for by Financial Assistance or War Veterans, will this stop?

No, but the payment changes. Once a HIP or FutureCare policyholder has been approved for the Personal Home Care Services benefit the Health Insurance Dept. (HID) becomes the first payor for home care. Claim encounter forms must be submitted directly to HID.

Please contact the Department of Financial Assistance or War Veterans directly with any questions regarding their policies and coverage for home care services.

#### **Care Provider Requirements:**

What are the registration requirements for Care Providers?

Go to the PHC Care Providers section of the PHC Guide.

#### Can family members or friends of the policyholder be a Care Provider?

Yes. They must register with Ageing and Disability Services and the Health Insurance Department and meet the qualification requirements.

#### Do Care Providers who work for a home care agency need to register?

Yes, all care providers must register but most agencies register their employees on their behalf, unless their staff are to be paid directly by HID. If the Home Care Agency staff is to be paid directly by the benefit, rather than through the Agency, then the care providers must register individually as self-employed care providers.

Do Care Providers already registered with Ageing and Disability Services (ADS) need to re-register? Care Providers must contact ADS to determine if re-registration is necessary.

#### Do Care Providers already registered with the Health Insurance Department need to re-register?

Only if they are adding a new type of caregiving service or changing from an agency to self-employed or vice versa.

If a personal caregiver is also a trained medical/nursing professional, do they require CPR and First Aid Certification? Personal caregivers that are registered medical or nursing professionals require an up to date CPR certification but not First Aid.

#### Is a written contract between the policyholder and provider required? What should be in it?

HID recommends all policyholders to have a written contract with their Care Provider(s). This is to make sure everyone is clear on the expectations for care, schedules, wages etc. For guidance, see the Sample Client and Care Provider Contract in the Guide.

#### **Payment to Care Providers:**

#### How do Care Providers fill in the Claims Forms and where do they get them from?

See the Personal Home Care Benefit: Claim Form Guide and examples for help on how to complete the Claim Forms. For more information or support contact the Provider Claims Manager at HID.

NOTE: As of July 16, 2018, a new Claim form and process is in place- see the Guide for more information.

#### Will all services delivered by an approved Care Provider be paid for by the benefit?

No. Only the type and amount of services in the policyholder's benefit approval letter/email, that the Care Provider is qualified to provide, will be paid for by the benefit.

#### How much are providers paid by the benefit?

The benefit will only pay up to the maximum reimbursement rate for each type of service listed below and only for the type and quantity of services the policyholder is approved for in their benefit approval letter/email.

Type of Care	Reimbursement	Pro-rated	Maximum	CPT Code	Provider must be
	Rate	Monthly Max	Amount		registered with ADS and
	(maximum)	Reimbursement			HID as at least a:
Personal Caregiving:	\$15/hr	\$2,610	40 hr/wk	G0156	Personal caregiver-
Assistance with personal					these can include
care and /or dementia					family, friends, or other
care.					trusted persons
Skilled Caregiving:	\$25/hr	\$1,525	14 hr/wk	S9122	Nursing Associate
Nursing aide services					(Nursing
for health monitoring,					Assistant/Geriatric Aide)
complex care (e.g.					
catheter/wound care)					
Registered Nurse visit	\$75/hr	NA	12	S9124	Nurse (RN)
			visits/yr		
Day Care Program	\$25/half day	\$867	\$200/wk	S5101 (half	Day Care Program
	\$50/day			day)	
				S5102 (full	
				day)	

*Please Note: the maximum benefit to the policyholder of \$60,000 per policy year for any combination of care services.* 

#### What if a Nursing Associate is hired for someone approved for personal caregiving, what rate are they paid?

Payment is based on the type of care required, stated in the care plan and benefit approval letter/email, not the skill level of the provider. The Nursing Associate will be paid at \$15 per hour, if the policyholder is approved for personal caregiving, not skilled caregiving.

#### What is the CPT Code?

The CPT code is recorded on the Claim form to identify what type of care was provided. The code determines how much the Care Provider is reimbursed. Payment is based on the type of care approved, not the skill level of the Care Provider.

#### Can Care Providers charge more than the reimbursed rate?

Yes. The total amount charged by the Care Provider is determined between the Care Provider and the policyholder. Policyholders are responsible for the amount not covered by the benefit.

#### How often are Care Providers paid?

The agreement between the Care Provider and policyholder should outline the pay period (e.g. once a week, twice a month, once a month). The provider submits the required claim form(s) to the Health Insurance Department based on this pay period.

#### How long does it take for HID to process a claim and the provider to be paid?

It can take up to 14 days for the claim to be processed and the funds to be transferred to the Care Provider's bank account.

# Can policyholders pay for the services up front and be reimbursed by the Health Insurance Department, instead of the provider?

No. Under the Health Insurance Act, any amount covered by insurance cannot be charged to the client up front.

#### Does the policyholder need to pay for the care not covered by the benefit before or after the claim is submitted?

Yes. It is between the policyholder and provider to determine how much and when payment occurs for the costs of services not covered by the benefit.

#### How long can a provider wait to submit their claim?

A provider has up to 12 months from the date the service was provided to submit the claim. Claims submitted after this time period will not be paid.

#### When can services start being paid for by the benefit?

Once the policyholder is approved, starting from the date of the policyholder's care plan.

#### What services can I provide if I registered/qualify as ...

Registered Nurse: Can provide personal caregiving, skilled caregiving and nursing services Nursing associate: Can provide personal caregiving and skilled caregiving services Personal Caregiver: Can only provide personal caregiving services.

Once the policyholder is approved, starting from the date of the policyholder's care plan. Caregivers should only provide the services they have been contracted to provide by the policyholder.

If the policyholder was getting services before they were approved for the benefit, can they be reimbursed for these? No. Payment for services can start from the date the policyholder is approved for the benefit, as stated in their care plan.

# **Contact Information:**

#### **Ageing and Disability Services:**

**Street Address:** Continental Building, Ground Floor, 25 Church Street, Hamilton **Mailing Address:** Ministry of Health Seniors and Environment, 25 Church St Hamilton, HM 12 **Phone:** 441-292-7802 **Email:** <u>ads@gov.bm</u>

#### **Department of Financial Assistance:**

Physical Address: Global House, 43 Church Street, Hamilton Telephone: 297-7600 or 295 5151 ext.1600 Fax: 295 4314

#### **Department of Social Insurance- War Veterans**

 In person: Ground Floor, Government Administration Building, 30 Parliament Street, Hamilton By Mail: P.O. Box HM 1537, Hamilton HM FX
 Phone: 294-9242 ext. 1129 for War Pension enquiries Fax: 292-5267 294-9242 ext. 1129 for Pension enquiries
 Email: socialinsurance@gov.bm

#### **Health Insurance Department:**

Street Address: Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton
Mailing Address: Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton, HM JX
Phone: 441-295-9210 Fax: 441-295-9213
Website: www.gov.bm/departments/health-insurance/ Email: hip@gov.bm

# Forms

Personal Home Care Services Request for Ben	efits Form
Health Insurance Departm Personal Home Care Services Request for Benefits Form (All sections must be completed	S Meets Policy Requirements? : Yes No Circle Policy Plan : HIP FC FA WV Processed by CSR and Date (d/m/y):
Please indicate if this is a 🗌 New Request or 🗌 Re	quest for Re-Assessment
I. <u>POLICYHOLDER INFORMATION:</u>	
	or FutureCare for at least one year. Tick the box if true. If unsure, completing the application. This is a requirement to be eligible for
Name: (Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.) (First Name)	
(Middle Name)	(Last Name)
Home Address:	
Parish:	ostal Code:
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):	iber (if applicable):
Policy Number:	ance Number:
Primary Telephone Number:	ephone #: -
Email Address (if available):	Print)
Tick the appropriate box:	
I, the policyholder, am able to manage my own care. (g	go to section II)
	Provide the following information for the responsible person who
Name: (Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.) (First Name)	
(Last Name)	
	est Times to be reached?
Preferred Telephone:	
(Home)	(Work) (Other)

(Please Print)

#### II. MEDICAL INFORMATION:

#### With this request form please submit:

• A doctor's letter (issued in the last 90 days) which must include: medical diagnosis, care needs, cognition level and list of current medications;

#### In addition, if the policyholder is in the hospital, please submit:

- A Multi-Disciplinary Transfer form and / or OT / PT / Speech Evaluation reports (issued in the last 30 days).
- What ward is the policyholder currently on? \_\_\_\_
- Date of admission \_\_\_\_\_\_ Predicted Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_\_

# Name of General Practitioner (GP) of Policyholder:

GP Practice Name:			
GP's Address:			
Parish:	Code:		
Contact #:			
GP's Email Address (if available): (Hotmail accounts not accepted)		(Please Print)	 
(Hotmail accounts not accepted)		(Please Print)	

#### III. CASE MANAGEMENT

If approved for this benefit, participation in case management is required.

Has the policyholder had any previous history with any agencies? If so, please specify in the table below:

Agency	Name and Title	Contact #	<u>Email</u>
Dept of Financial Assistance			
Office for Ageing and Disability Services			
Community Nursing			
Other (Please describe)			

I, or the responsible person, agree to ongoing case management if approved for the benefit. I declare that the information I have given above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form does not automatically grant me coverage under this Personal Home Care Services Benefit.

Signed:	Date (dd/mm/yy):	

Submit the completed form with required documentation to:

Mailing Address: Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX Street Address: Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12 Phone: 441-295-9210 Fax: 441-295-9213 Email: hip@gov.bm

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# Personal Home Care Physician's Letter

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GP's Email Add	ress (if applicabl	e):																
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#### MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Diagnosis	Date of Onset (d/m/y)	Comments

When completed, this form should be returned with supporting documentation to: **Mailing Address:** Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX **Street Address:** Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12 **Phone:** 441-295-9210 **Fax:** 441-295-9213 **Website:** <u>www.gov.bm</u> **Email:** <u>hip@gov.bm</u>

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Medicine Name	Dose	Route	Frequency	Purpose
ALLERGIES if any				

Does person have cognitive ability to organize and plan own health care?

Please note date (dd/mm/yyyy) of any mini mental status exam and score:

Are there any concerns regarding the person's behaviors when interacting with others or potential care givers?

Are there any advanced directives in place? Y N. Comments:

Please note which activities of daily living person may need assistance with:

Bathing;

Dressing; Toileting;

Walking 10 steps or more;

Transferring self from chair to bed, etc.

Eating

#### DIET or fluid restrictions

Wound care

Other education/supports needed:

Additional Comments

#### Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd/mm/yy):

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Form: CMA05 – PHC Physician's Letter v01.00 01 July 2018

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# Sample Client and Care Provider Contract

As provided from ADS Helping Services web page (https://helpingservices.bm/how-to-find-a-caregiver/):

Sample Client and Home Care Provider Care Agreement - This example agreement was developed to support persons with approval for HIP and Future Care's Personal Home Care Benefit but can be adapted and used by anyone.

Tips on creating your agreement:

- Customize the agreement so it appropriate for you and your care provider
- Completing the list of tasks on page 3 first can assist in determining the provider type, work hours and schedule required.
- Know what type of care provider you need. See page 4 for an overview and if you have a government benefit ensure it is the type you are approved for.
- Include all details verbally agreed upon during the hiring process.
- Make two copies of the agreement: one for the client and one for the provider.

Name of Care Provider:	
Type of Care Provider:	
Contact information cell:	
email:	
Other:	
Name of Client (person receiving care):	
Name of Responsible Party (for payment and oversight, if not the client):	

Start date of services:

Payment:	
Hourly:	
Weekly:	
Holiday Pay (only eligible from	
client not from government	
benefits):	
Amount (expected) to be covered	
by Personal Home Care Benefit	
and/or other government	
benefits:	
Amount (expected) to paid by	
Client:	
Pay period (e.g. every Friday, last	
Friday of the month, etc.):	

Work Hours:		
Total hours per week:		
Number of hours per	Personal Caregiving:	Skilled Caregiving <sup>1</sup> :
day:		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Personal Caregiving and skilled caregiving are categories for the government home care funding benefits, the types of providers are able to provide such are outlined on page 4.

Schedule		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
(fill in hours)								
	morning							
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	evening							
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to the client /n								_
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Pre-appro	ved vacation	days or wee	eks when careg	iver not avail	able (unpaid	l):		
Benefits provi	dad to Caradi	lion						
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	lowed and whe							
	Sleeping or live-in							
arrang	ements for Ca Provid							
Break times (if								
	nber of hours a							
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Check	Caregiving Duties	Frequency	Comments
what is			
to be			
provided			
	Health monitoring or health related care as		
	needed:		
	Observe taking or reminding to take medications		
	on time. Medications pre-dosed by client, family, RN or pharmacist.		
	Assist in measuring and following diet or fluid		
	restrictions		
	Assist in measuring and logging BP, weights, blood		
	glucose, etc.		
	For person who is bed bound-		
	Assist with turning and positioning every 2 hours		
	Provide range of motion exercises		
	Protective skin care	+	
	Physical therapy or exercise	+	
	Other (list below):		
	outer (increasion).		
	Personal care assist with:		
	getting in/out of bed, in and out of chair		
	standing, walking or exercise		
	bathing or showering		
	grooming and dressing		
	toileting		
	eating		
	Other:		
	Daily living care needs:		
	Prepare and serve meals		
	Clean sink, stove, counters, refrigerators		
	Wash, dry and store dishes and utensils		
	Clean bathroom sink, tub, toilet, and surfaces	1	
	Empty and take out trash		
	Make bed		
	Change bed linens		
	Wash, dry and fold clothing and linens		
	Clear, dust and organize surfaces throughout home		
	Vacuum carpets		
	Sweep floors		
	Wet or dry mop in rooms you use		
	Assist w/ grocery shopping		
	-Prepare list		
	-Store items as requested		
	Run errands		
	Other (list below):		

Check what is to be provided	Caregiving Duties	Frequency	Comments
	Transportation:		
	Take to social activities		
	Take to doctor's appointments		
	Take to other activities		
	Other (list below):		
	Social Activities:		
	Reading to client		
	Playing games with client		
	Visiting relatives/friends		
	Attending activity groups		
	Other (list below)		
	Other Tasks (list below):		

Guidance on Types of Providers				
Personal Caregiving Tasks (non-licensed caregivers)     Provide prompting, minimal hands on assist or	Skilled Caregiving Tasks (Nursing Associates licensed with the Bermuda Nursing Council (BNC)) <ul> <li>Can perform any of the personal caregiving tasks</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Provide prompting, minimal nands on assist of supervision for non-frail and non-medically complex person for bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, eating, and walking.</li> <li>Assistance in meal preparation and clean up</li> <li>Provide companionship by engaging in conversation, and recreational activities.</li> <li>Assist in changing bed linens, putting out trash, light housekeeping</li> <li>Assist with transportation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can perform any of the personal caregiving tasks</li> <li>Hands on care for frail or bedridden for bathing, dressing, toileting, and mobility assistance such as transfers from chair to bed.</li> <li>Monitor for changes in health conditions.</li> <li>Training approved by Bermuda Nursing Council.</li> <li>May provide dressing changes to simple wounds but not complex.</li> </ul>			
No provider can do medication preparation or administration unless a Registered Nurse with the BNC				

Provider Signature:	Date:	
Client (or Responsible Person) Signature:	Date:	

#### ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AGREEMENT FORM



**Health Insurance Department** 

#### ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AGREEMENT

#### RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Health Insurance Department Attention: Claims Settlement Section PO Box HM 2160 Hamilton HM JX Bermuda

OR Fax to: (441) 295-9213 OR E-mail to: <u>hip@gov.bm</u>

<u>Please complete all fields, printing or typing information clearly. Fields designated with asterisks \*\* are required.</u>

\*\*Please indicate if this is a: □ New Agreement

Update to Existing Agreement - check the applicable items

Ageing and Disability Services Re-registration

Pro	Provider or Company Details		
	**Provider (Individual or Company)		
	Name:		
	**Contact/Accounting Officer: (if		
	different from above)		

Cor	Contact Details				
	**E-mail:				
	**Telephone (direct):				
	Fax:				
	Mailing Address (for Correspondence):				

Bai	Bank Details		
	**Name on Bank Account:		
	**Account Number:		
	**Bank Name:		

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Street Address – Sofia House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12 Mailing Address – PO Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX Bermuda Phone: (441) 295-9210 Fax: (441) 295-9213 Email: hip@gov.bm Website: <u>www.gov.bm</u>

**Bank Address:	
Swift or ABA Address:	
(** to be completed for banks located	
outside of Bermuda)	
Bank Clearing Details (if applicable):	
Payment Reference (if applicable):	

I hereby authorize the Health Insurance Department to satisfy payment obligations due to me/the Business Organization, by making deposits to the account indicated above. I understand that receipt of the electronic fund transfer(s) will fulfill the Health Insurance Department's payment obligation for the full amount on the date the fund transfer is completed. All correspondence with the Health Insurance Department concerning this agreement or any changes to account information should be sent to the address at the top of this form.

\*\*SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\* Mandatory Fields)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHARGES INCURRED BY THE GENERATION OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS <u>WILL</u> <u>NOT</u> BE CHARGED TO THE CLIENT. ALL FEES STRICTLY RELATED TO THE PROCESSING OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

# Personal Home Care Services Claim Form

GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Personal Home Care Services - Claim Form

#### **Basic Guidelines for this Form:**

- This Claim Form must be submitted to Health Insurance Department (HID);
- Only Caregivers registered with ADS may be reimbursed for this benefit by HID; and only as the level of service provider(s) they
  are registered for.
- Reimbursement is limited to level of care the HID policyholder is approved for, and not according to caregiver qualifications.
- Benefit does not cover caregiving when policyholder is admitted or in hospital;
- · Caregivers are employed by policyholder, not HID.

Policyholder's Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):			HID Policy ID: Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		
Provider to be Paid (Agency or Individual Caregiver Name):			Care Provider Name (If different from Provider to be Paid):		
Caregivers can only charge for the services that they are registered for: Place of Service:					
Personal Caregiver (CG, NA, RN): GO				2) Home	
Skilled Caregiver (NA, RN): S9122	:			2) Nursing Home (for day care)	
Registered Nurse (RN): S9124					
		- 1-	Total Hours (Full	Hourly	Charges
Date (mm/dd/yyyy) CPT Code	e Start Time	End Time	hours only)	Charge	(Total Hours x Hourly Charge)
Policyholder or Responsible Person Signature: "I confirm receipt and authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned					
provider/caregiver for the service(s) described above."					
Signed: Date (mm/dd/yyyy):					
Care Provider's Signature: Date (mm/dd/yyyy): Mailing Address: Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM IX					

Mailing Address: Health Insurance Department, P.O. Box HM 2160, Hamilton HM JX Street Address: Sofia House, 2nd Floor, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12 Phone: 441-295-9210 Fax: 441-295-9213 Website: www.gov.bm Email: hidclaims@gov.bm