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## **New Service Level for Augmented Personal Care**

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# Workshop Objectives

- Inform provider community of a new service level
- Policy highlights for waiver recipients in Adult Group Care or Assisted Living settings
- Obtain stakeholder input on the development of the new service level

# 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

- A new 4<sup>th</sup> Service Level of care was authorized.
- A 15% rate increase for augmented personal care services was approved for Service Levels 1, 2 and 3. The new rates are listed below:

Specialty	Proc	Mod	Desc	Rate
048	T2031	U1	Assist living waiver / diem	23.00
048	T2031	U2	Assist living waiver / diem	52.00
048	T2031	U3	Assist living waiver / diem	69.00
048	T2031	U4	Assist living waiver / diem	83.00

# Policy Highlights

- Services provided in a non-institutional community based setting.
- Services are prior authorized and directed by a Plan of Care.
- Preliminary and ongoing assessments, evaluations required for different service level eligibility.
- Assessments completed by the Aging Disability Services Division Case Managers.

# Policy Highlights-continuation

- The Case Manager determines the service level:
  - Service Level 1 – Daily: this level provides supervision and cueing.
  - Service Level 2 – Daily: this level provides minimal physical assistance with moderate hands on care.
  - Service Level 3 – Daily: this level provides maximum hands on physical assistance.

# Open Discussion

- What challenges are providers currently experiencing with waiver recipients?
- Which areas can be included in the service level determinations that are currently not part of the process?