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Change in Reimbursement and Billing Requirements for Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) – **UPDATED!**

On October 26, 2011, the Second Judicial District Court issued a temporary restraining order regarding PCA Relative Caregiver reimbursement rates.

Until the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is ordered to do otherwise, UCare will continue to pay PCA relative caregiver claims at the same rate as non-relative caregiver rate.

During this period, in spite of the temporary restraining order, providers must identify and document the relationship between each individual PCA provider and each recipient to whom they provide services.

PCA agencies must:

- Complete the Individual PCA Relationship Acknowledgment form (DHS-6426-ENG) for all individual PCAs who provide services on behalf of your organization and keep this form in your agency files and in the recipient health service record.
- Identify the relationship of the PCA to the recipient on the agency’s PCA Time and Activity Documentation (DHS-4691-ENG) each pay period and keep in your agency files.
- Report relationship information on claims you submit to UCare for PCA services per instructions in DHS provider update [PCA-11-02R](#).

Agencies need to identify and report the relationship of the individual PCA provider to the recipient of services using one of the following two modifiers along with the T1019 procedure code:

Modifier	Individual PCA Relationship to the Member
U1	Parent, sibling, adult child, grandparent, or grandchild.
UD	No relationship/not related as described above.

If the final decision of the court is to uphold the PCA Relative Caregiver payment rate, UCare may recover any overpayments.

If you have any questions, please call UCare’s Provider Assistance Center at **612-676-3300** or **1-888-531-1493** (toll free).