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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, and Long Term Home Health Care Program/Home Care Services Staff

**FROM:** Mark Kissinger, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Long Term Care

**SUBJECT:** EMedNY Personal Emergency Response Services (PERS) Combination Edits

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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This GIS is being sent to notify Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) and Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) agencies of new combination edits that have been set in eMedNY to prevent duplicative payments of the Home Health Aide and Personal Care Services PERS prior authorized by the LDSS (rate code 2514) and PERS when provided as a waiver service under the Long Term Home Health Care Program (rate codes 3858, 2818, 2616, 3831, and 9981).

**Home Health Aide and  
Personal Care Services**

2514 PERS Monthly Service Charge

**Long Term Home Health Care Program**

3858 PERS Monthly Rate (COS 0388-Nursing Home Based)  
2818 PERS Monthly Rate (COS 0284-Hospital Based)  
2616 PERS Monthly Rate (COS 0260-Freestanding)  
3831 PERS Second Unit Monthly Rate (COS 0388-Nursing Home Based)  
9981 PERS Second Unit Monthly Rate (COS 0260-Freestanding)

Duplicative claims frequently occur when an individual changes the program from which PERS are received and both providers bill for services for the same month(s) during the transition. Attention to coordination of the end date of Home Health Aide and Personal Care Services PERS and the start date of LTHHCP PERS (or the reverse) is required to prevent duplicative claims for monthly PERS. When the Home Health Aide and Personal Care Services PERS will be discontinued, the LDSS is responsible to end-date the LDSS prior approval to reflect the end of PERS through that provider.

A claim for any of these rate codes will be denied payment if another PERS rate code appears in history as paid for the same month. For example, when a Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) has billed for the PERS (rate code 2514) for the month beginning May 1 then a LTHHCP provider will be denied payment for LTHHCP PERS (the rate code 3858) if it is billed within 28 days of the CHHA PERS.

Rate Codes for installation are not subject to these edits.