

**Actual Annual Cost of Care Increase for Providers and the Annual Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Urban Wage Workers for Northeast Region**

State Fiscal Year July 1-June 30	Contract Increases for Providers	Annual CPI % Change*
1996	1.5	2.8
1997	0	2.4
1998	2	1.4
1999	1.6	2.1
2000	1.8	3.4
2001	2	2.8
2002	1.6	2.1
2003	0	2.8
2004	0	3.5
2005	3.5	3.6
2006	1.5	3.6
2007	1	
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>30.5</b>

\* The annual CPI is on a calendar year basis, from January 1-December 31; the annual CPI for 2006 is still not yet calculated.

**Actual Annual Cost of Care Increase for Community Providers compared to the increase if A1996 had been enacted**

State Fiscal Year July 1-June 30	Contract Increases for Providers	Cost of Providing Care Increase Based Upon A1996**
1996	1.5	2.3
1997	0	2.5
1998	2	2.8
1999	1.6	2.6
2000	1.8	1.4
2001	2	1.8
2002	1.6	3.3
2003	0	3.3
2004	0	1.7
2005	3.5	2.8
2006	1.5	3.3
2007	1	3.4
2008		4.1
<b>Average (excluding 2008)</b>	<b>1.38%</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>31.2</b>

\*\* A1996 requires that a Cost of Providing Care Increase be included in the Governor's Budget Request based upon the CPI for the first half of the year (January-June) for the next fiscal year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor