

Physician Services
Increased Primary Care Service Payment
42 CFR 447.405, 447.410, 447.415 for dates of service beginning January 1, 2015
Through June 30, 2016

Attachment 4.19-B: Physician Services 42 CFR 447.405 Amount of Minimum Payment

The state continues to reimburse for services provided by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) (with the exceptions noted below) at no less than the Medicare Part B fee schedule rate using the CMS Medicare physician fee schedule rate in effect for the date of service *for dates of service through June 30, 2016*. If there is no applicable rate established by Medicare for the service, an enhanced primary care service payment rate is not applied. *This State Plan is no longer in effect for dates of service after June 30, 2016.*

- The rates reflect all Medicare site of service and locality adjustments.
- The rates do not reflect site of service adjustments, but reimburse at the Medicare rate applicable to the office setting.
- The rates reflect all Medicare geographic/locality adjustments.
- The rates are statewide and reflect the mean value over all counties for each of the specified evaluation and management and vaccine billing codes.

Attestation Requirements:

For the Physician Services Increased Primary Care Services Payment, the state agency continues to follow the provider qualifying circumstances as described in 42 CFR 447.400(a) and used for the 2013-2014 increased payment program; that is, specified board certification or meeting the 60% threshold of services being primary care services identified by procedure codes.

Board Certification

New Mexico Medicaid-enrolled providers who attested and were approved for the 2013 and/or 2014 primary care provider (PCP) enhanced payments whose attestation is still in effect on December 31, 2014, who qualified because they met the board specialty requirements, and who continue to be an approved provider for the New Mexico Medicaid program, will continue to receive PCP enhanced payments until their board certification expires, at which point they will be required to submit documentation of their renewed board certification if the state agency cannot verify their renewal with their board.

Sixty Percent Claims Threshold

To facilitate provider attestation for 2013 and 2014, the state agency produced reports that measured the percent of the provider's Medicaid billing history, including both fee for service and managed care paid claims. These reports showed the percent of the provider's billing that was for the primary care E&M procedure codes, including vaccinations, as a percent of all claims. The state agency will perform this same calculation based on 2014 claims for providers whose approved 2013/2014 attestation was still in effect on December 31, 2014. Any currently attested provider who continues to be an approved provider for the New Mexico Medicaid program will continue to receive the PCP enhanced payment because of their previous attestation and agency approval as long as the provider continues to meet the threshold percentage of 60% primary care codes. This calculation would be performed again in each of the subsequent **time periods** in which the enhanced payment program is in effect.

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Any currently attested provider who does not meet the 60% threshold requirement will be notified that he or she must re-attest and must be re-approved as meeting the criteria in order to receive the PCP enhanced payment. This same process will be performed each **time period** that the PCP enhanced payment program continues subsequent to 2015.

Enhanced payment for primary care services is limited to providers who have enrolled through the state agency as approved providers for the Medicaid fee for service program, the Medicaid managed care programs, or both.

New Providers and Providers Attesting for the First Time:

Any provider not having an approved attestation in effect on December 31, 2014 must file a new attestation and be approved prior to receiving PCP enhanced payments for 2015. Any provider attesting for the first time for 2015 or subsequent **time periods** will not receive PCP enhanced payments for 2013 or 2014.

Attestation Timing Requirements:

A qualifying provider will receive increased PCP payments for dates of service beginning the first day of the month following the date the attestation is accepted by MAD.

Approvals of provider attestations for increased PCP payments will end on May 31, 2016.

Provider Qualifications

Providers not previously allowed to qualify for the enhanced primary care payment increase per 42 CFR 447.400(a) will not be allowed to receive enhanced payments in 2015 or subsequent years, including:

- Providers whose services are reimbursed on the basis of an encounter rate, such as federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, Indian health service and tribal 638 facilities, unless the service was paid at a fee schedule rate;
- Physician extenders, identified as physician assistants certified nurse practitioners, pharmacist clinicians, and certified nurse midwives unless their supervising physician attests to practicing in one of the specialty designations and qualifies with a board certification or meets the 60% primary care threshold. In the attestation, the supervising physician must accept professional responsibility and legal liability for the extenders; this is verified on the attestation form. The supervising physician must identify his or her NPI number and the form must have the supervising physician's signature.

Method of Payment

The state reimburses a supplemental amount equal to the difference between the Medicaid payment rate in effect on the date of service as published in the agency's fee schedule described in the State Plan Attachment 4.19B, pages 1 and 2, item I (Fee Schedule Pricing for Professional Services - Physician Services) and the CMS Medicare fee schedule in effect for the date the service was rendered. Initially, for calendar year 2015, the 2015 CMS Medicare fee schedule will be used. For each subsequent year this state plan provision is in place, the agency's fee schedule in effect for the date of service and the CMS Medicare fee schedule in effect for the date of service will be used.

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All increased PCP payments will end for dates of service after June 30, 2016. No qualifying claim will be paid at the increased rate unless processed and paid prior to October 1, 2016.

The funding for the primary care increase made in these extension years will be at the federal match rate associated with the category of eligibility of the recipient receiving the service and the service.

Supplemental payment is made: monthly quarterly

Initially, the enhanced payment amounts will be made as a lump sum payment to the provider until such time that (1) the fee for service enhanced payment can be added on to the claim at the time of payment, and (2) the enhanced payment rate can be incorporated into the managed care capitation rate which will include obtaining federal approval for both the rates and the process.

Primary Care Services Affected by this Payment Methodology

The codes that qualify for the PCP enhanced payment are those that are a covered benefit of the state Medicaid program in the Evaluation and Management Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code range 99201 through 99499.

These are the codes that were included in the 2013 and 2014 primary care enhanced payment and will continue to receive the enhanced payment in 2015 and subsequent **time periods** when they are a benefit of the Medicaid program.

Effective Date of Payment

E & M Services

This reimbursement methodology applies to services delivered on and after January 1, 2015 *through June 30, 2016*. All rates are published at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-for-service.aspx> under the 'Fee Schedules' section of the 'Provider' section of the website.

Vaccine Administration

The state reimburses vaccine administration services furnished by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the state regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and therefore vaccine administration is not included as a primary care increase but is included in counting toward the 60% primary care services volume required for providers who do not meet the board certification requirements.