



MEDICAID ACA PCP RATE CUTS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2015

A key provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), provided rate increases for Evaluation and Management (E&M) CPT codes 99201-99499 and vaccine administration CPT codes 90460, 90461, 90471-90474 to no less than the Medicare rate for the same services in 2013 and 2014. The increased rates applied to physicians (MDs and DOs) with a primary specialty or subspecialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine. Physician Assistants (PA) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN/NP) were also eligible for the enhanced reimbursement when the supervising (their collaborative) physician had one of the designated specialties.

In 2015, however, the estimated \$6 billion in federal money needed to finance the program goes away without Congressional intervention, leaving states to go it alone or revert to lower rate fee schedules. For many providers, this means the Medicaid reimbursement rates will take a nosedive in January 2015. As of this publication, most states (see below chart) are scheduled to discontinue the ACA federally funded rate increases that have significantly boosted Medicaid payment rates during the past two years (2013-2014).

Organizations such as the American College of Physicians (ACP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Osteopathic Association have urged Congress to pass legislation that would continue the rate increases federally. The bill, *Ensuring Access to Primary Care for Women and Children Act*, would extend ACA rates for two more years. While the above organizations are optimistic that a resolution can be reached by the end of the year, others have concerns.
(Source: 112414 Part B News Online)

2015 primary care fee increase by state

Check out this chart to determine whether your state will continue fully or partially paying for certain Medicaid services at Medicare rates, discontinue the program or is undecided (see story, p. 1).

Full or partial continuation	No continuation	Undecided
Alabama	California	Arizona
Alaska	Florida	Arkansas
Colorado	Idaho	Georgia
Connecticut	Illinois	Kansas
Delaware	Indiana	Montana
Hawaii	Kentucky	New Hampshire
Iowa	Louisiana	Oregon
Maine	Massachusetts	Vermont
Maryland	Minnesota	Virginia
Michigan	Missouri	West Virginia
Mississippi	New Jersey	Wisconsin
Nebraska	New York	Wyoming
Nevada	North Carolina	
New Mexico	North Dakota	
South Carolina	Ohio	
	Oklahoma	
	Pennsylvania	
	Rhode Island	
	South Dakota	
	Tennessee	
	Texas	
	Utah	
	Washington	
	Washington, D.C.	

LA Medicaid Fee Schedule Compare:
http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

CPT	ACA Rate TOS 55 Non Facility	Non ACA Rate		Rate Reduction	
		TOS 7 Age 0-15	TOS 3 Age ≥16		
90471	\$ 23.15	\$ 14.70		\$ 8.45	
90472	\$ 11.86	\$ 9.13		\$ 2.73	
90473	\$ 23.15	\$ 10.43		\$ 12.72	
90474	\$ 11.86	\$ 9.13		\$ 2.73	
99203	\$ 102.92	\$ 78.02	\$ 65.02	\$ 24.90	\$ 37.90
99204	\$ 159.21	\$ 121.17	\$ 100.97	\$ 38.04	\$ 58.24
99205	\$ 198.86	\$ 153.31	\$ 127.75	\$ 45.55	\$ 71.11
99212	\$ 41.16	\$ 31.15	\$ 25.96	\$ 10.01	\$ 15.20
99213	\$ 69.51	\$ 52.10	\$ 43.43	\$ 17.41	\$ 26.08
99214	\$ 102.82	\$ 78.61	\$ 65.51	\$ 24.21	\$ 37.71
99381	\$ 105.70	\$ 76.29		\$ 29.41	
99382	\$ 110.24	\$ 83.24		\$ 27.00	
99383	\$ 115.17	\$ 82.67		\$ 32.50	
99391	\$ 95.21	\$ 63.64		\$ 31.57	
99392	\$ 101.87	\$ 71.16		\$ 30.71	
99393	\$ 101.53	\$ 70.88		\$ 30.65	

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