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SUBJECT ACA Primary Care Services 2014 Fee Schedule	BY  Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide the calendar year (CY) 2014 primary care services rates for specified primary care services provided by physicians qualified to receive the enhanced fees.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled physicians who are qualified to receive the CY 2014 fees for specified primary care services and provide services to MA beneficiaries in the MA Program's fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Physicians who participate in the MA Program's managed care delivery system should address payment related questions regarding the primary care services fees directly to the applicable MA Program's managed care organization.

BACKGROUND:

Section 1202 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-152) (collectively ACA), requires state Medicaid programs to pay fees to qualifying physicians that are no less than the Medicare rates in effect in CYs 2013 and 2014, or if greater, the rates that would be applicable in those CYs using the CY 2009 Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) conversion factor (CF). The Department paid the fees in effect in CY 2013 and will pay the fees in effect in CY 2014.

The Department issued three MA Bulletins to MA Program enrolled physicians advising them of the requirements to qualify for the enhanced fees for primary care services:

- MA Bulletin 31-13-11, titled "Medical Assistance Program Fee Increase for Select Primary Care Services and Physician Attestation Form", issued January 22, 2013 and effective January 1, 2013,

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- MA Bulletin 31-13-32, titled “Revised Physician Attestation Form for Primary Care Services” issued May 3, 2013 and effective January 1, 2013; and
- MA Bulletin 31-13-34, titled “Implementation of the Medical Assistance Program’s Physician Fee Increases for Select Primary Care Services”, issued May 23, 2013 and effective May 31, 2013.

Physicians may view these MA Bulletins by accessing the Department’s designated ACA Physician Fee Increase for Primary Care Services web page at:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/acaphysicianfeeincreasesforpcs/index.htm>.

The fees apply to qualified physicians, as set forth at 42 CFR § 447.400-405 (relating to payments for primary care services furnished by physicians with a specified specialty or subspecialty and the amount of required minimum payments), who provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries. Services provided to non-Medicaid beneficiaries, such as, General Assistance MA beneficiaries, and physicians who do not qualify for the enhanced primary care fees, will be paid at the current MA Program Fee Schedule rate.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), through enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, will pay 100% of the rate in excess of the MA rate for the specified Evaluation & Management (E&M) and vaccine administration procedure codes in effect on July 1, 2009, for dates of service on January 1, 2013, through and including December 31, 2014. On January 1, 2015, the Department will revert back to paying the rates for the specified procedure codes listed on the MA Program Fee Schedule as of December 31, 2012.

DISCUSSION:

On March 29, 2014, the Department published notice of its method for determining the CY 2014 fees for payment of the specified primary care services and announced the payment rate of \$23.14 per vaccine administration rendered by qualifying physicians at 44 Pa.B. 1949. The public notice may be viewed by accessing the following website link: <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol44/44-13/684.html>.

Qualifying physicians are currently paid for primary care services rendered in CY 2014 using the CY 2013 primary care services fees. The Department will pay the primary care services fees at the CY 2014 rates and retroactively adjust previously submitted claims for qualifying physicians. Qualifying physicians for whom the Department received their self-attestation by December 31, 2013, will be paid the CY 2014 fees retroactive to January 1, 2014. Qualifying physicians for whom the Department received their self-attestation on or after January 1, 2014, will be paid the CY 2014 fees for dates of service beginning with the date the completed self-attestation is received by the Department.

The Department’s ACA Primary Care Services Fee Schedule - Statewide Mean Office Rates 2014 is attached to this MA Bulletin and available on the Department’s dedicated ACA web page and “For Providers” Fee Schedule web page, which may be

viewed by accessing the following website link:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/forproviders/schedules/mafeeschedules/index.htm>.

PROCEDURE:

Beginning July 7, 2014, qualifying physicians may bill for the specified primary care services using the 2014 rates identified on the ACA Primary Care Services Fee Schedule attached to this bulletin.

On a weekly basis, the Department will identify newly qualifying physicians who attested per MA Bulletin 31-13-32, that they qualify for the ACA specified primary care services fees and will adjust previously paid claims for the designated E&M and vaccine administration/vaccine product codes eligible for the fee increases but were paid using the current MA fee pricing logic. The Department will adjust these claims based on the date of receipt of a completed, acceptable Physician Attestation Form.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Screens

As set forth in MA Bulletin 31-13-34, titled, "Implementation of the Medical Assistance Program's Physician Fee Increases for Select Primary Care Services", issued May 23, 2013 and effective May 31, 2013, the Department will continue to ensure that qualifying physicians rendering complete EPSDT screens will be paid the ACA primary care services fee for the E&M procedure code, when such fee is higher than the complete EPSDT screen fee. If the MA Program fee for the complete EPSDT screen is higher than the ACA primary care services fee, the physician will receive the higher EPSDT fee, determined by the billed amount on the physician's claim form.

Claims Submission

As set forth in MA Bulletin 31-13-34, titled, "Implementation of the Medical Assistance Program's Physician Fee Increases for Select Primary Care Services", qualifying physicians are reminded not to submit claims for the ACA primary care services fees with dates of service in a single detail line that span the end of the CY (i.e., December 31) and the beginning of the following CY (i.e., January 1).

The Department established edits related to the ACA primary care services fees. Edit 826 (Detail Spans Calendar Year/Split Detail for Payment) and/or Edit 1055 (Span Dates: Split Detail Dates by Board/Volume Cert) will post on claims submitted with dates of service that span December 31 and January 1. Please be advised that only E&M procedure codes 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99291 and 99292 may be used for span billing of claims.

The Department developed examples of claim submission scenarios, as described above, for appropriate span billing of claims using the specified E&M procedure codes. The examples are posted and may be viewed on the Department's

dedicated ACA Physician Fee Increase for Primary Care Services website at:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/acaphysicianfeeincreasesforpcs/index.htm>.

Retroactive Claim Adjustments

During the first week of August, 2014, the Department will begin reprocessing paid ACA primary care services claims for dates of service January 1, 2014 through July 6, 2014, for qualifying physicians whose attestations were in effect, per MA Bulletin 31-13-32, prior to January 1, 2014. Due to the expected volume of claims, the claim adjustment process will be completed over the course of several financial cycles. The Department will notify qualifying physicians of the mass adjustments via an RA Banner PROMISe™ Alert. Qualifying physicians are advised that the mass claims adjustments retroactive to January 1, 2014, will address under and over payments made to physicians for specified primary care services based on the ACA Primary Care Services Fee Schedule – Statewide Mean Office Rates 2014.

Qualifying physicians do not need to resubmit or adjust their claims for primary care services to enter the 2014 ACA primary care services rates for claims with dates of service on and after January 1, through July, 6, 2014.

Physicians are encouraged to view information related to the ACA primary care physician fee increases on the Department's dedicated ACA web page under "Helpful Links for Providers" by accessing the following website link at:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/acaphysicianfeeincreasesforpcs/index.htm>.

ATTACHMENT:

ACA Primary Care Services Fee Schedule – Statewide Mean Office Rates 2014