



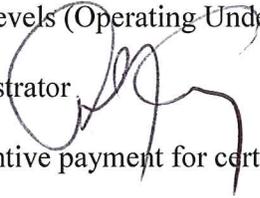
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To: Physicians and Mid-Levels (Operating Under Direct Physician Supervision)
From: Paul J. Leary, Administrator 
Subject: Federally funded incentive payment for certain primary care services in 2013 and 2014

In addition to the Idaho Medicaid claim reimbursement, a temporary incentive payment will be made to qualifying physicians and advanced practice clinicians for providing qualifying primary care services during calendar years (CY) 2013 and 2014 as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Incentive Payment

Only dates of service in CY 2013 and CY 2014 are eligible for the incentive payment. The quarterly incentive payments for qualifying primary care services cannot be made until the submitted Idaho State Plan amendment has been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. More information about the incentive payment calculation and payment issuance will be coming. The ACA implements payments for:

- Qualifying primary care services furnished by qualifying providers at rates not less than the Medicare rates in effect for CY 2013 and CY 2014, or, if greater, the rates that would be applicable in those calendar years using the CY 2009 Medicare physician fee schedule conversion factor.
- Vaccine administration at the lesser of the CY 2013 or CY 2014 Medicare rate or the maximum regional VFC rate in those years (under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program).

The rate differential between the ACA incentive payment and the current Idaho Medicaid rate will be distributed to qualifying providers who have completed the self-attestation process for qualifying services provided to fee-for-service participants. Since primary care services provided to "stand-alone" State Children's Health Insurance Program participants are not eligible for the incentive payment, the Department will exclude their claims in the calculation of the incentive payment.

Qualifying Services

The final rule implementing this ACA provision (42 CFR 447.400) provides for an incentive payment for qualifying primary care services. Specifically, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes 99201-99499 (evaluation and management, or E/M, services) and vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, and 90471-90474 may be eligible for the increased payment. Idaho Medicaid's current coverage policy of E/M codes will not change. Therefore, any currently non-covered E/M codes in the range 99201-99499 will remain non-covered and will not be eligible for the increased payment.

Qualifying Providers

The ACA establishes incentive payments to providers meeting specific criteria. Providers who believe they meet one of two criteria must complete and submit the attached **ACA Physician and Advanced Practice Clinicians Self-Attestation Form for Incentive Payment for Primary Care Services**.

The providers' path to qualifying is dependent on their Idaho Medicaid enrollment status on 12/31/12:

Providers Enrolled with Medicaid before January 1, 2013

- 1) The physician is board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association in family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, or one of their subspecialties **and** submits a copy of their certification with the self-attestation form.

OR

- 2) At least 60% of Medicaid codes billed by the qualifying provider to Medicaid for all of CY 2012 are qualifying E/M codes and vaccine administration codes and they submit their self-attestation form.

New Providers Enrolled with Medicaid after December 31, 2012

- 1) The physician is board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association in family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, or one of their subspecialties and submits a copy of their certification with the self-attestation form.

OR

- 2) Providers, who self-attest as eligible within one of the specialties (family medicine, general internal medicine, or pediatric medicine), that enroll with Idaho Medicaid between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2014 and are not board certified may qualify if 60% of a month's worth of Medicaid claims with qualifying E/M and vaccine administration codes are billed after enrollment.

How to Self-Attest

- Complete the **ACA Physician and Advanced Practice Clinicians Self-Attestation Form**.
- If the physician is certified in one of the specialty designations of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, or one of their subspecialties and is self-attesting to the certification, the physician should attach a copy of the certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association.
- If the provider is not certified and is one of the specialty designations of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, or one of their subspecialties and is self-attesting that 60% of Medicaid claims are E/M codes 99201-99499 and vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, and 90471-90474, they should indicate that on the **ACA Physician and Advanced Practice Clinicians Self-Attestation Form**.
- If the provider is a newly enrolled Idaho Medicaid provider, they can self-attest after 30 days of active enrollment by following the same process as stated above.

- Attach the supplied coversheet, self-attestation form, and certification and fax all documentation to Molina Healthcare Solutions at 1 (877) 517-2041. The self-attestation form and coversheet will also be available at www.idmedicaid.com under *Forms*.

Primary care services provided by advanced practice clinicians, including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives, within their scope of practice under the direct professional oversight and legal responsibility of a self-attested qualifying physician will also be eligible for the higher payment. Arrangements under which independent nurse-managed clinics or other practitioners enter into arm's-length arrangements with physicians are not eligible.

Physician and Advanced Practice Clinicians Eligibility Effective Date

Providers enrolled with Idaho Medicaid who meet all qualifying conditions as of January 1, 2013, and submit self-attestations any time between January 1, 2013, and March 31, 2013, may be eligible for the incentive payment for the months of January, February, and March 2013. Self-attestations received after March 31, 2013, will be effective the date all information is received.

Payment and Receipt of Incentive Payments

The ACA rules specify that if services delivered by a physician who is employed by a group or clinic are actually reimbursed under the Medicaid state plan as physician services rather than clinic services, the physician must receive the increased payment. If, as a condition of employment, the physician agrees to accept a fixed salary amount, then we expect an appropriate adjustment to the salary to reflect the increase in payment.

Questions or Concerns

For questions about processing attestations for incentive payments, please contact Molina Provider Services toll free at 1 (866) 686-4272 or locally at (208) 373-1424. For questions about vaccine codes, please contact the Medical Policy Unit at (208) 364-1897. For questions about incentive payments, please contact the Bureau of Financial Operations at (208) 364-1994.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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