

Provider Update

Evaluation & Management and Vaccines for Children Administration Codes Rate Increase

Summary of change: Effective April 1, 2013, Amerigroup Community Care will reimburse eligible primary care providers and specialists at the new Maryland Medicaid rate for Evaluation & Management (E&M) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) administration codes for dates of service from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014. Retroactive enhanced payments will be distributed within 60 days of the effective date. You are not required to resubmit claims to receive retroactive reimbursements.

✦ **What this means to you:** Please complete the [Department of Health and Mental Hygiene \(DHMH\) Self-Attestation Form](#) and share this information with your staff and other providers in your group.

Why is this change necessary?

Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act directs states to reimburse eligible providers at the new Maryland Medicaid rate for eligible procedure codes. The Health and Human Services Commission recently announced the rate increase as it applies to E&M and VFC administration services.

What is the impact of the change?

Most eligible Medicaid providers will be reimbursed at the new rates when billing applicable codes. However, the state can only claim federal matching dollars for physicians who attest to having a specialty or subspecialty in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Are board-certified as a specialist or subspecialist in one of the above specialties from a qualifying board (i.e., the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Osteopathic Association or American Board of Physician Specialties).
- Billed at least 60 percent of the Medicaid claims during the last calendar year for eligible E&M (99201–99499) and VFC administration codes (i.e., 90460, 90461, 90471, 90473, 90474 or their successors).

All providers must complete the [DHMH Self-Attestation Form](#) by April 15, 2013, to allow the state to claim proper funding. Your office staff may complete and submit this form on your behalf.

What if I need help?

For more information on this rate increase, visit the [DHMH website](#). DHMH will also hold an informational webinar on Friday, March 29, 2013, from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. To register, go to the [PCP Attestation Webinar Registration website](#).

If you have questions about this communication or need help with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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