

Provider Update

Primary Care Provider Rate Increase

Background: In compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as amended by Section 1202 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Amerigroup is required to reimburse Medicaid Primary Care Providers (PCPs) and specialists at parity with Medicare rates for qualified providers and qualified services in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

✦ **What this means to you:** Payment and guidelines below only apply to providers who meet the requirements for the ACA enhanced reimbursement. Providers who believe they meet the requirements for the ACA enhanced reimbursement but who have not attested to their eligibility are encouraged to attest as soon as possible.

The following guidelines address Amerigroup's process for supporting the enhanced primary care payments to eligible providers as set forth in Section 1202 of the ACA:

- Conditioned upon the state of Maryland requiring and providing funding to Amerigroup, Amerigroup shall provide increased reimbursement to Medicare levels or some other federal or state mandated level for specified CPT-4 codes for primary care services furnished with dates of service in 2013 and 2014 as set forth in the Section 1202 of ACA. Such CPT-4 codes will be paid in accordance with the requirements of ACA and the state and will not be subject to any further enhancements from Amerigroup or any other source.
- If the provider is a group provider or entity or any person other than the eligible provider who performed the service, the provider must direct any and all increased reimbursement to such eligible provider or otherwise ensure that such eligible provider receives direct and full benefit of the increased reimbursement in accordance with the final rule implementing ACA.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

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