

Introducing the *New Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule*

Background: Effective January 1, 2019, Amerigroup Community Care will implement a new fee schedule. The new Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule will be frozen at current levels and will no longer be tied to CMS inflation indexes.

Why is this change necessary?

Amerigroup currently has a floating fee schedule tied to CMS that requires change to ensure full compliance with the Division of TennCare (TennCare) Contractor Risk Agreement (CRA), which prohibits the TennCare MCOs from reimbursing providers based on automatic escalators or linkages to other methodologies that escalate, such as current Medicare rates or inflation indexes, unless otherwise allowed by TennCare. The new Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule fee schedule is compliant with the (TennCare) CRA.

Providers can access and read the *CRA* in its entirety by visiting the TennCare website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/MCOStatewideContract.pdf>.

Participating professional providers will receive an *Amendment by Notification* along with a cover letter setting out additional information about the new Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule within the next 30 days. Section 8.1 of the Amerigroup *Provider Agreement* permits *Amendment by Notification* for this purpose. In order to comply with Federal and State regulatory requirements, and in certain circumstances, those regulatory mandates may require Amerigroup to make changes to confidential portions of your *Provider Agreement*.

How does this affect Behavioral Health Providers?

Only those rates and services tied to CMS will be moved to the new Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule. All fixed pricing, case rates and per-diems will remain the same.

How will this impact the way I am currently being paid?

This change will not cause any material change in a provider's reimbursement.

How will this impact the way I submit claims?

There will be no impact or change in the way providers submit claims.

What if I need assistance?

If you have additional questions, or to obtain a copy of the *new Amerigroup Professional Provider Market Master Fee Schedule*, please contact your local Provider Relations

representative at 615-232-2160 or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730, or to receive a copy via email, please send request to TNproviderfeeschedulerequests@amerigroup.com. Note, due to the size of the fee schedule document, you will not receive a copy by mail with the Amendment by Notification.