

## **Provider encounter payments update**

**Summary of change:** Effective January 1, 2018, rural health clinic (RHC) providers may participate in a payment option that will pay their full encounter rate directly from Amerigroup Washington, Inc.

**What this means to you:** Clinics under this payment option do not receive a monthly enhancement payment. Instead, the full encounter rate will be paid for all eligible RHC claims.

### **Provider billing information**

In the fall of 2017, The Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) notified RHC providers they now have the option to request their encounter payments directly from Apple Health.

### **What is the impact of this change?**

Clinics receiving their RHC encounter payments directly from Amerigroup must adhere to the following billing guidelines to ensure timely and accurate payments:

- Bill using the National Provider Identifier associated with the RHC taxonomy code 261QR1300X.
- Ensure the T1015 procedure code is the last code listed on the claim.
- Ensure encounters are limited to one type of encounter per client per day, except in the following circumstances:
  - The visits occur with different health care professionals with different specialties.
  - There are separate visits with unrelated diagnoses.
- File separate claims for each encounter when billing more than one encounter per day.

For additional information, please refer to the *Rural Health Clinic Provider Guide*, located on the HCA website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/claims-and-billing/professional-rates-and-billing-guides>.