

# Medicaid Primary Care Rate Increase for Physician's Services

## ACA Primary Care Fee Changes

- CMS published the proposed rule May 6, 2012
- CMS published the final rule November 6, 2012
- On November 8, 2012, CMS also conducted an all-states conference call to give an overview and answer questions regarding the final regulation

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Key points addressed in the final rule include:

- The physician specialties/subspecialties who qualify for payment at the Medicare rates
- The qualified primary care services, by procedure code
- The rate methodology and payment options states may elect

## Who is Qualified?

Physicians:

Family Medicine (PT 31/PS 316)

General Internal Medicine (PT 31/PS 322)

Pediatric Medicine (PT 31/PS 345)

# What are the Primary Care Procedure Codes?

- Evaluation & Management Procedure Codes
- Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes

### How will the Rates be Determined?

1. All Medicare site of service and locality rates (four rates)
2. Office setting rate by locality (two rates)
3. Office-setting, mean rate for all counties (one rate)\*

\* Rate methodology chosen by the Department

### Payment Methods

CMS is allowing options for how states make the payments:

- Supplemental (lump) payments
- Pay from adjusted (increased) fee schedule

The Department will increase rates on the fee schedule

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When will the Increased payments be Effective?

The requirement is still effective January 1, 2013

- CMS recognizes states will not be prepared to implement by January 1, 2013

We intend to implement the increases in April, 2013

- This necessitates retroactive payments back to the January 1 effective date

### What About the MCOs?

- The increased rate requirements also apply to MA managed care
- The state and CMS will review the MCO contracts
- MCOs are to report to the state the payments made to physicians under this provision

### What's Next?

- Public Notice
- State Plan Amendment
- MA Bulletin
- Web page dedicated to ACA Primary Care Services Rate Increase Info

### What's Missing?

- CMS 2013 Conversion Factor
- Rates for services not covered by Medicare (EPSDT and consultations)
- Technical assistance from Deloitte for managed care organizations

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## Attestations and Board Certification

### Now:

Submit your current board information with your printed or typed:

- provider name
- 13-digit provider numbers (service locations that apply)
- corresponding Provider Type (PT) and Provider Specialty (PS)

### Next 2 weeks:

Attestation Form posted to DPW website

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### Attestations and Board Certification (cont.)

Submit documents directly to DPW at:

Email: [Ra-ProvApp@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-ProvApp@pa.gov) indicate Subject: “PCP”

Fax: 717-772-6765 and “PCP” in the fax cover sheet subject line

Mail: DPW/OMAP/BFFSP  
Attention: Provider Enrollment/PCP  
PO Box 8045  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8045

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## PROMISe

- Targeting April 2013 for payment of new rate on primary care services on new day claims.
- Increased fee payment for:
  - Dates of services on or after 1/1/2013
  - Eligible provider has submitted required documentation
- Retroactively adjust physician payments for:
  - Dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, through the date of implementation
- Implement capability to upload documents via the PROMISe Internet Provider Portal using the ePEAP application by 12/31/12

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## PROMISe

Post information on the implementation to the DPW Website

- Quick Tip
- Attestation form
- Primary care services procedure codes covered by MA Program with corresponding primary care rate
- Medical Assistance Bulletin
- Other information relative to this implementation