

Shared Savings ACOs now eligible to participate in CPC+ Model

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) announced that up to 1,500 primary care practices who are participating in any track of the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) will now be eligible to simultaneously participate in the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) Model. CPC+ starts in 2017. Both programs would receive favorable credit toward value-based payment initiatives outlined in the recently-released MIPS/APMs proposed rule. In the coming weeks, CMMI is expected to announce 20 CPC+ geographic areas based on payer interest. Primary care practices located in those regions may submit applications between July 15 and Sept. 1. A final ruling is expected this fall. For more information on CPC+ and how it interacts with other Medicare models including MSSP, visit innovation.cms.gov.

Payment Reductions and Changes for New Mexico Medicaid Providers

Due to a shortfall in state revenue, New Mexico Medicaid Providers will see a reduction in payment starting July 1, 2016. This reduction will apply for services billed with CPT codes 10023 through 99607. The percentage of reduction will depend on how the provider's current claims are being paid. If claims are paid below 90% of the Medicare fee schedule, the reduction is 2%. A 4% reduction will be applied for those providers whose claims are paid between 90 -100% of the Medicare fee schedule. The 6% reduction applies to those claims that have been paid at greater than 100% of Medicare's fee schedule. Providers who provide the following services will not be affected by this payment reduction: Anesthesia, Maternity Care and Delivery, and Preventative Medicine to include the Vaccines for Children program. A reduction in payment will also apply to certain HCPCS codes that are used to reflect some professional or laboratory services.

Furthermore, the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) proposes to discontinue the Primary Care Provider Enhanced Payment Program. Physicians under this program should have had the approval of their attestations by May 31, 2016. Qualifying claims processed and paid before October 1, 2016 will be paid at the enhanced payment rate.

Providers who provide Preventative Medicine services will be pleased to learn that Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment screens will receive payment at a higher rate. HSD proposes to increase payment of these services by 5%. Services such as a Well-Child screen is currently paid at \$150.55. With the proposed increase, this service will be reimbursed at \$158.08.

For further information, providers can go to the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>. Proposed fee schedules may be found at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-for-service.aspx>

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1. MGMA, Week of June 1, 2016, *MGMA Washington Connection*
2. State of New Mexico Medical Assistance Program Manual Supplement, *Notice Number: 16-01*, April 29, 2016
3. www.hsd.state.nm.us/

