

Provider Update

PCP rate increase update

Background: In compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), as amended by Section 1202 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Amerigroup* will no longer provide increased reimbursement for eligible claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015. Amerigroup is required to reimburse qualified Medicaid PCPs at parity with Medicare rates for qualified services in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

✦ **What this means to you:** Please review the information in this bulletin and share it with office staff and other providers in your practice.

What is the impact of this change?

The period of eligibility for increased reimbursement is based on claims with a date of service between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2014. Any claim with a date of service on or after January 1, 2015, is not eligible for a supplemental payment increase.

This change will not impact any qualified service that occurred with a date of service in 2013 or 2014. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership will continue sending supplemental rate increase files to Amerigroup and other Managed Care Organizations into 2015. Any file received from HHSC containing supplemental rate increases will continue to be processed in accordance with Chapter 13 of the Uniform Managed Care Manual.

Is there a run-off period in 2015?

Yes. Supplemental payments are determined from the encounters Amerigroup sends HHSC. In 2015, there will be additional payments received from HHSC, which Amerigroup will pass through to providers. Those payments will be based on claims with dates of service between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2014.

If I submit a claim with a date of service in 2015, will I receive the payment increase?

No. The PPACA legislation only included the calendar years 2013 and 2014; therefore, eligible dates of service are in 2013 or 2014 only.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

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