

**Reimbursement for Increased Primary Care Service Payment
Under 42 CFR §§§ 447.405, 447.410, 447.415**

The state reimburses for services provided by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the Medicare Part B fee schedule rate using the Medicare physician fee schedule rate in effect in calendar years 2013 and 2014 or, if greater, the payment rates that would be applicable in those years using the calendar year 2009 Medicare physician fee schedule conversion factor. If there is no applicable rate established by Medicare, the state uses the rate specified in a fee schedule established and announced by CMS.

- The rates reflect all Medicare site of service and locality adjustments.
- The rates do not reflect site of service adjustments, but reimburse at the Medicare rate applicable to the office setting. There are no geographic rate adjustments for the District of Columbia.
- The rates reflect all Medicare geographic/locality adjustments.
- The rates are statewide and reflect the mean value over all counties for each of the specified evaluation and management and vaccine billing codes.

The following formula was used to determine the mean rate over all counties for each code: _____

A. Method of Payment

- The state has adjusted its fee schedule to make payment at the higher rate for each E&M and vaccine administration code. The District will adopt rates on an annual basis.

The fee schedule (Deloitte) is based on the November 2012 Medicare release and the 2009 conversion factor.

- The state reimburses a supplemental amount equal to the difference between the Medicaid rate in effect on July 1, 2009 and the minimum payment required at 42 CFR 447.405.

Supplemental payment is made: monthly quarterly semi-annually annually

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B. Primary Care Services Affected by this Payment Methodology

This payment applies to all Evaluation and Management (E&M) billing codes 99201 through 99499.

The State did not make payment as of July 1, 2009 for the following codes and will not make payment for those codes under this SPA (specify codes): Evaluation and Management Codes: 99238, 99239, 99289, 99290, 99292, 99294, 99295, 99296, 99298, 99299, 99300, 99315, 99316, 99326, 99339, 99340, 99358, 99359, 99360, 99374, 99375, 99377, 99378, 99379, 99380, 99386, 99387, 99402, 99403, 99412, 99420, 99431, 99432, 99433, 99435, 99436, 99440, 99499; and Vaccine Administration Codes: 90460, 90461, 90465, 90466, 90467, 90468, 90473, and 90474.

The state will make payment under this SPA for the following codes which have been added to the fee schedule since July 1, 2009 (specify code and date added).

Code 99495, added 1/1/2013; and Code 99496, added 1/1/2013.

The District of Columbia will not seek enhanced Federal Medical Assistance (FMAP) for Codes 99495 and 99496 because the administrative costs and burdens of establishing a process for claiming the enhanced FMAP for two codes outweighs the benefit of obtaining the increased FMAP available under the ACA. The District currently receives a seventy (70%) FMAP rate.

Code 99495 and Code 99496 can be used by all providers (including providers not affected by this payment methodology) who are enrolled in the District of Columbia Medicaid program.

C. Physician Services – Vaccine Administration

For calendar years (CYs) 2013 and 2014, the state reimburses vaccine administration services furnished by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the lesser of the state regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or the Medicare rate in effect in CYs 2013 and 2014 or, if higher, the rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor.

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rate: \$30.09

State regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children program: \$24.88

Rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor: \$31.89

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D. Documentation of Vaccine Administration Rates in Effect 7/1/09

The state uses one of the following methodologies to impute the payment rate in effect at 7/1/09 for code 90460, which was introduced in 2011 as a successor billing code for billing codes 90465 and 90471.

The imputed rate in effect at 7/1/09 for code 90460 equals the rate in effect at 7/1/09 for billing codes 90465 and 90471 times their respective claims volume for a 12 month period which encompasses July 1, 2009. Using this methodology, the imputed rate in effect for code 90460 at 7/1/09 is: _____.

A single rate was in effect on 7/1/09 for all vaccine administration services, regardless of billing code. This 2009 rate is: \$24.44.

Alternative methodology to calculate the vaccine administration rate in effect 7/1/09: _____

Note: This section contains a description of the state's methodology and specifies the affected billing codes.

E. Effective Date of Payment

a. E & M Services

This reimbursement methodology applies to services delivered on and after January 1, 2013, ending on December 31, 2014. All rates are published on the Department of Health Care Finance's website at www.dhcf.dc.gov.

b. Vaccine Administration

This reimbursement methodology applies to services delivered on and after January 1, 2013, ending on December 31, 2014. All rates are published on the Department of Health Care Finance's website www.dhcf.dc.gov.

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