

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services

Payment for clinical diagnostic laboratory services, including collection of laboratory specimens by venipuncture or catheterization, is paid at 97.5% of the fee schedule determined by Medicare.

X-Ray Services

For dates of service on or after August 1, 1989, NMAP pays a claim for both the technical and professional components of x-ray services at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule in effect for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule as -
 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule);
 - c. The maximum allowable dollar amount; or
 - d. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established - in the fee schedule).

The Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule is effective July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Revisions of the Fee Schedule: The Department reserves the right to adjust the fee schedule to:

1. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
2. Comply with changes in nationally-recognized coding systems, as HCPCS and CPT;
3. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure based on information that was not available when the fee schedule was established for the current year; and
4. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is:
 - a. Not appropriate for the service provided; or
 - b. Based on errors in data or calculation.

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EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) SERVICES

For EPSDT services provided on or after April 1, 1990, the following applies.

For services reimbursed under the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule, NMAP pays for EPSDT services (except for clinical diagnostic laboratory services) at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule as -
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 - d. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established in the fee schedule).

The Department pays for Clinical Laboratory services at 97.5% of the fee schedule determined by Medicare.

NMAP pays for injections at the wholesale cost of the drug plus an administration fee determined by the Department. Only the administration fee is paid when a physician uses vaccine obtained at no cost from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

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PODIATRISTS' SERVICES

NMAP pays for covered podiatry services at the lower of:

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 - d. For clinical laboratory services, including collection of laboratory specimens by venipuncture or catheterization, payment is made at 97.5% of the fee schedule determined by Medicare.
 - e. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established - in the fee schedule).

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OPTOMETRISTS' SERVICES

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 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule) - the provider's actual cost (including discounts) from the provider's supplier. The maximum invoice cost payable is limited to reasonable available cost;
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Providers will be notified of changes and their effective dates.

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EYEGLASSES

NMAP pays for covered eyeglasses at the lower of:

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 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
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