

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Affordable Care Act Primary Care Rate Increase Ended December 31, 2014

Effective for dates of service after December 31, 2014, the temporary primary care rate increase ended for evaluation and management and vaccine administration services specified under 42 CFR s. 447.400(a). All procedures and codes affected by the rule returned to previous rates as defined in the current maximum fee schedule.

Under 42 CFR s. 447.400(a), as instituted by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal government created a provision for eligible primary care providers to receive a temporary rate increase for evaluation and management (E&M) and vaccine administration services. Services eligible for the increase must have been rendered by attested physicians on dates of service (DOS) between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2014.

Effective for DOS after December 31, 2014, the temporary primary care rate increase ended for E&M and vaccine administration services specified under 42 CFR s. 447.400(a). All procedures and codes affected by the rule returned to previous rates as defined in the current maximum allowable fee schedule. Providers may continue to receive payments after the December 31, 2014, date, if qualified services are submitted on claims within timely filing guidelines for eligible DOS.

Providers contracted with a managed care organization (MCO) who have questions or concerns regarding their final

reimbursements should contact the MCO directly or follow the MCO's standard grievance procedures.

For more information about the primary care rate increase, refer to the Affordable Care Act Primary Care Rate Increase topic (topic #15337) in the Amounts chapter of the Reimbursement section of the Nurse Midwife or Physician service areas of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

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