
PROVIDER BULLETIN

**ACA Increased Medicaid Payment for
Primary Care Providers 2013-2014**

~ Important Information Regarding Additional Compensation ~

Health Plans receive the additional ACA payments for eligible providers from the state. At Preferred IPA, we will inform the eligible providers on the payment process and time line, once we hear from the health plans of their requirements for distributing the additional funds to our provider network.

All health plans, except for Anthem Blue Cross, have informed us that they intend to pay the IPA specific amounts for each provider and ask the IPA to pass on this payment to the providers. Preferred IPA has not yet received any of these payments from the health plans.

Health Plan	Payment Process	Payment Status
Blue Cross	Pays providers directly	Awaiting plan update
Care 1st	Plan shall pay IPA specific amount to pass onto providers	No payments received as of June 2014
Health Net	Plan shall pay IPA specific amount to pass onto providers	No payments received as of June 2014
LA Care	Plan shall pay IPA specific amount to pass onto providers	No payments received as of June 2014
Molina	Plan shall pay IPA specific amount to pass onto providers	No payments received as of June 2014

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Relations at 818-265-0800.

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The following summary information regarding the increased PCP payments is being distributed for your reference; complete details are available at www.medi-cal.ca.gov. Physicians must self attest to be eligible for this additional compensation from the state. Please log on and self attest today. It is important to attest using the same NPI number that you submit on encounter or claims data to the IPAs or health plans.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) state Medicaid agencies are to reimburse primary care physicians with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine, at parity with Medicare for specified Evaluation and Management and Vaccine Administration services provided in 2013 & 2014. The increased minimum payment level applies to specified primary care services and to services rendered by these provider types paid by Medicaid managed care plans that are contracted by states to provide the primary care services.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the ACA and 42 CFR 447 enhanced payments, the physician rendering or supervising the service must personally attest to be the following:

- A physician, as defined in 42 CFR 440.50 with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine or a subspecialty within one of the listed specialties.
AND
- Meeting **at least one** of the following qualifications:
 - Board certified in a specialty or subspecialty that is recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
OR
 - At least 60 percent of total claim volume for the most recently completed calendar year or, for newly eligible physicians, the prior month, were for E&M (99201 – 99499) and Vaccine Administration (90460, 90461, 90471 – 90474, or their successors) services or local codes that correspond to these E&M and Vaccine Administration codes.

SELF ATTESTATION FORM

Physicians are encouraged to verify with the state regarding the deadline for attestation submission. Physicians must self-attest that they are eligible to receive the payment increase by completing the online ACA Self Attestation Form. The form can be found at:

<https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/acaattest/acaattestmenu.aspx>

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