Primary Care Supplemental Payment (1202 Payment) Ending
Medicaid primary care supplemental payments were enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act. This program to pay attested primary care physicians a supplemental payment that increased Medicaid reimbursement rates to the level of Medicare rates ended December 31, 2014.¹

What’s New – Increased Rates²
The good news is that the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) has received authority to continue increased reimbursement for office visits and vaccine administration beginning January 1, 2015 until at least July 1, 2016.

Beginning January 1, 2015, Colorado Medicaid will reimburse covered office visit (E&M) procedure codes and vaccine administration procedure codes for all public and private Medicaid providers at a rate equal to 100% of Medicare’s December 2014 reimbursement rate. The new rate will be available to all enrolled providers that submit fee schedule claims for office visits or vaccine administrations. The new reimbursement rate has been authorized through June 2016.

Is this a continuation of the previous 1202 Primary Care Supplement quarterly payments?³
No. Since this is a new rate, and not a supplemental payment, all providers will be reimbursed at the new rate for E&M and vaccine administration codes. This increase does not require providers to attest to providing primary care and the higher rate is paid for each claim submitted.

Please also note that Medicaid will not be changing its reimbursement for E&M codes on a quarterly basis, as Medicare does. E&M codes will be paid at the December 2014 Medicare rate, regardless of whether Medicare raises or lowers its reimbursement of these codes over the coming months.

What services are eligible?
Services eligible for the increased payment include E&M codes between 99201 and 99499 and vaccine administration procedures.

How much is the supplemental payment?
The reimbursement to all Medicaid primary care physicians will increase to the Medicare rate for selected services. The reimbursement for vaccine administration fees (previously $6.34) will increase to $25.22.

What is the payment plan?
The rate increase will be added to the actual Medicaid fee schedule rates rather than being a lump sum
quarterly payment as is currently paid. Payments will begin in calendar year 2015 and cover services provided between January 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016.

Why is this important for Colorado?
This continuation helps to maintain Colorado Medicaid’s effort to increase patient access to medical care, incentivizes providers to stock and administer vaccines, and garners provider support for and participation in Medicaid.

For more information: Please visit the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing website at www.colorado.gov/hcpf.

For more information about immunizations, please visit the Colorado Children’s Immunization Coalition website at www.childrensimmunization.org or www.immunizeforgood.com.

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i Claims for services after December 31, 2014 will not be evaluated for supplemental payments to primary care physicians. There will be supplemental payments made in 2015 for services by attested physicians that were rendered in 2014.

ii Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Supplemental Payments for Eligible Primary Care Physicians
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/supplemental-payments-eligible-primary-care-physicians

iii Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program, CCHAP Practice Manager Newsletter, Dec. 10, 2014
http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/780277/ca0e9a8861/TEST/TEST/

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