



2016-17 Medicaid Update: Payment for Office Visits and Vaccine Administration

Effective July 1, 2016, the E&M and vaccine administration services will be reimbursed at the December 2012 level, *except as noted below*. From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, through the efforts of HCPF and provider associations, one year of additional funding is authorized to reimburse primary care E&M code categories and vaccine administration codes at somewhat higher rates.

The E&M categories with temporary funding are standard office visits, preventive care office visits, newborn visits, neonatal and pediatric critical care visits, and counseling visits. These rates are scheduled to return to the December 2012 level on July 1, 2017. Categories of E&M that did not receive additional funding will be reimbursed at the December 2012 level starting July 1, 2016. These include emergency room visits, inpatient visits, critical care visits (excluding neonatal and pediatric critical care visits), home visits, when visits are prolonged and standby/warfarin/interdisciplinary conference visits.

Please refer to the [E&M and Vaccine Administration Services rates appendix](#) for specific procedure codes in each category and their corresponding reimbursement amounts.

Which services are eligible?

Services eligible for the increased payment include E&M codes listed below:

- Immunization Administration 90460-90461, 90471-90474
- Office Visit 99201-99205, 99211-99215
- Preventive Medicine visits 99381-99397
- Newborn visits 99460-99465, 99477-99486
- Critical Care Visit - Neonatal and Pediatric 99466-99476
- Counseling and Health Risk Assessments 99401-99414

How much is the enhanced payment?

The reimbursement to all Medicaid primary care physicians will decrease to approximately 87 percent of Medicare rate for selected services. The reimbursement for vaccine administration fees (previously \$25.22) will decrease to \$18.93.

What is the payment plan?

The enhanced rate will be added to the actual Medicaid fee schedule rates rather than being a lump sum quarterly payment as was paid during the initial enhanced payment period. Payments began on July

1, 2016 and will expire on June 30, 2017 unless additional funding can be secured through the FY 17/18 budget process.

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.