

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**

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**To:** All Medicaid Providers Billing for Professional Services under the Physician Fee Schedule

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**Subject:** Notice of Pricing Updates to the Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule

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The purpose of this Transmittal is to notify all Medicaid providers billing for professional services under the physician fee schedule of pricing updates to that fee schedule. The professional services categorization refers to all providers who submit claims to the DC Medicaid program using the CMS -1500 claims form.

Under the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan, most physician services are reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rates as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (some primary care services are paid at 100% of Medicare rates). DHCF is making pricing updates to the physician fee schedule to ensure the reimbursement rates are up to date and are properly aligned with the State Plan provisions. These updates will be based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule published for calendar years (CY) 2015 and 2016. The updates shall apply to all physician services, pricing and maximum unit values for all claims effective with dates of service from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, as well as those effective January 1, 2016.

DHCF plans to implement these updates to the DC Medicaid claims processing system within 30 days from the transmittal date stated above. Accordingly, please note that the reimbursement rates and maximum unit values will increase for some physician services and decrease for others. Detailed changes to the rates can be found online below at:

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/providerSpecificInformation/providerInformation>.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to this pricing updates, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, at (202) 481-3375 or [amy.xing2@dc.gov](mailto:amy.xing2@dc.gov).