

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: District of Columbia

Reimbursement for Increased Primary Care Service Payment

The state reimburses for specified services provided by qualified physicians and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) with a primary specialty designation of family medicine, pediatric medicine, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology or internal medicine. Both physicians and APRNs shall deliver services that are predicated upon their scopes of practice and are in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the District of Columbia Health Occupations Board. The state will pay for these services using the Medicare fee schedule rates in effect on or after January 1, 2016.

☒ The rates do not reflect site of service adjustments, but reimburse at the Medicare rate applicable to the office setting.

A. ☐ ☐ **Method of Payment**

☒ The state has adjusted its fee schedule to make payment at the higher rate for each E&M and vaccine administration code. The District will adopt rates on an annual basis.

B. **Primary Care Services Affected by this Payment Methodology**

☐ This payment applies to all Evaluation and Management (E&M) billing codes 99201 through 99499 except for the following:

☒ Evaluation and Management Codes: 99238, 99239, 99289, 99290, 99292, 99294, 99295, 99296, 99298, 99299, 99300, 99315, 99316, 99326, 99339, 99340, 99358, 99359, 99360, 99374, 99375, 99377, 99378, 99379, 99380, 99386, 99387, 99402, 99403, 99412, 99420, 99431, 99432, 99433, 99435, 99436, 99440, 99499; and Vaccine Administration Codes: 90460, 90465, 90466, 90467, 90468, 90473, and 90474.

C. **Physician Services – Vaccine Administration**

For services provided on or after January 1, 2016, the state reimburses vaccine administration services furnished by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the state regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

D. Effective Date of Payment

a. E & M Services

This reimbursement methodology applies to services delivered on and after January 1, 2016. All rates are published on the Department of Health Care Finance's website at www.dhcf.dc.gov.

b. Vaccine Administration

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