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Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

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TO: All Medicaid Providers

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DATE: July 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Laboratory Fee Schedule Updates

Transmittal 14-25 notified Medicaid providers of the pending schedule changes to the DC Medicaid Fee Schedule. The current DC Medicaid Fee Schedule will be updated effective August 1, 2015. The purpose of this update is to provide clarification with respect to the reimbursement for laboratory services billed by professional providers. Professional providers are those who submit claims to DC Medicaid on a CMS-1500 claim form.

Under the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan, laboratory services are generally reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rate as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). During the past year, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) undertook a comprehensive review of the reimbursement rates paid for laboratory procedures on the DC Medicaid Fee Schedule. As a result of this review, DHCF is making adjustments to the fee schedule to ensure that reimbursement rates are aligned with the State Plan. This means that the reimbursement rate will increase for some laboratory procedures and decrease for others. Detailed changes to the rates can be found online at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/providerSpecificInformation/providerInformation>.

The fee schedule changes for laboratory services will be effective August 1, 2015.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to this schedule update, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, at (202) 481-3375 or amy.xing2@dc.gov.

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