

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

**Transmittal 23-62**

**TO:** DC Medicaid Providers

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**SUBJECT: Reimbursement Rates for NEW Behavioral Health Integration Services Effective January 1, 2024.**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify DC Medicaid providers that the District of Columbia Medicaid Fee Schedule will be updated to add codes for two (2) new services: Interprofessional Consultations and Collaborative Care Services. These services will be added to the DC Medicaid State Plan upon the approval of a State Plan Amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Details**

The addition of the services outlined in this transmittal is the result of the ongoing behavioral health rate study between the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF). As a part of this work, DBH and DHCF have decided to cover Interprofessional Consultations and Collaborative Care, which both integrate behavioral health care with physical health care, under the DC Medicaid State Plan. Both services will be added to the Physician Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2024.

Interprofessional Consultation

In January 2023, CMS released new guidance clarifying that specialists may be reimbursed by Medicaid directly for consultations they provide to a beneficiary's primary care provider, so long as the consultation is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary.<sup>1</sup> Specialty physicians and APRNs must have specialized expertise related to the health concerns of the beneficiary to be reimbursed for the consultation. Additional details about Interprofessional Consultation delivery and reimbursement requirements will be promulgated in DHCF rulemaking at section 993 Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR). Interprofessional Consultation is billed

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<sup>1</sup> See State Health Official Letter [#23-001](#).

based on the amount of time the specialist spends consulting the beneficiary's primary care provider.

### Collaborative Care

This service is based off the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM), an evidence-based model of integrated care, used to address common behavioral health conditions, including depression and anxiety. CoCM is delivered in primary care settings using a team of three providers: a primary care provider, a behavioral health care manager, and a psychiatric consultant. The model of care adds care management and regular psychiatric interprofessional consultations to regular primary care visits. Additional details about Collaborative Care service delivery and reimbursement requirements will be promulgated in DHCF rulemaking at Section 994 Title 29 DCMR.

Collaborative Care is reimbursed based on the amount of time the behavioral health care manager spends providing Collaborative Care services. The primary care provider is responsible for submitting claims reflecting the amount of time the behavioral health care manager has spent providing services in a given month.

Notably, DHCF has decided to include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) as providers of Collaborative Care Services. FQHCs must meet the requirements outlined in Section 994.3 of Title 29 DCMR to be reimbursed for these services. FQHCs will be reimbursed outside of their primary care and behavioral health alternative payment methodologies and should submit claims to DHCF using the FQHC-specific code included in the table below. Note: FQHCs may not submit code 99494 for time spent past the initial hour of providing Collaborative Care in a given month.

### Reimbursement Rates

In accordance with requirements set forth in Section 9104 of Chapter 91 and Section 988 of Chapter 9 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces the Medicaid reimbursement rates for the following services. DHCF will reimburse at one hundred percent (100%) of Medicare rates for both services. The tables below provide a listing of the procedure codes and rates for the new services, **effective January 1, 2024**. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for these services is located on the DHCF website at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleInquiry>.

#### **Interprofessional Consultation**

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Rate Effective 01/01/24</b>
Interprofessional Phone/Online 5-10 minutes	99446	\$19.95
Interprofessional Phone/Online 11-20 minutes	99447	\$39.48
Interprofessional Phone/Online 21-30 minutes	99448	\$60.26
Interprofessional Phone/Online 31/+ minutes	99449	\$79.78
Interprofessional Phone/Online EHR at least 5/+ minutes	99451	\$39.47

**Collaborative Care for Primary Care Providers**

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Rate Effective 01/01/24</b>
Collaborative Care, Initial 70 Minutes, First Month	99492	N/A	\$173.07
Collaborative Care, First 60 Minutes, Subsequent Month	99493	N/A	\$162.29
Collaborative Care, Additional 30 Minutes in any given month	99494	N/A	\$65.99
Collaborative Care, First 60 Minutes, Subsequent Month – more than 6 months (Prior Authorization Required)	99493	22	\$162.29
Collaborative Care, Additional 30 Minutes in each month – more than 6 months (Prior Authorization Required)	99494	22	\$65.99

**Collaborative Care for FQHCs**

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Rate Effective 01/01/24</b>
Monthly rate for 60 minutes or more of collaborative care in FQHCs	G0512	N/A	\$168.68
Monthly rate for 60 minutes or more of collaborative care in FQHCs – more than 6 months (Prior Authorization Required)	G0512	22	\$168.68

**Contact**

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