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Policy Transmittal 01-01  
Re: Medicaid Physician Reimbursement –  
4% Increase

Dear «Sal» «LastName»:

The 2000 Florida Legislature mandated a four percent increase in Medicaid physician reimbursement rates (not to exceed the Medicare rate) effective July 1, 2000. This change increased fees for certain provider types only, including:

- Medical Physicians;
- Osteopathic Physicians;
- Podiatrists;
- Chiropractors;
- Physician Assistants;
- ARNPs;
- Registered Nurse First Assistants;
- Dentists (for CPT codes only); and
- Optometrists.

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) are not one of the approved provider types and thus are not eligible for reimbursement at the increased rate when submitting fee-for-service claims for child health check-ups or adult health screenings. However, capitation rates as of July 1, 2000 reflected the increased reimbursement payment to providers that the HMOs must bear.

All claims submitted by one of the above provider types for dates of service July 1, 2000 or later must be paid at this increased rate if a subcontract or the terms of the 2000-2002 Medicaid HMO Contract specify that payment to the provider will be made at the “Medicaid rate.”



For your convenience, an electronic copy of the revised fee schedule is available for download. Follow these instructions to locate this file on the world wide web:

1. Go to the Medicaid information page at <http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid.index.shtml>.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page to select the link to “Medicaid fee schedules” on the Consultec web site.
3. Scroll down the page to locate the July 2000 version of the Physician rates. You will find these rates available for download in both Excel and ASCII formats.

If you have any questions regarding these fee increases, please call Jill Harvey at 850-414-8974.

Sincerely,

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