

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



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 24-14

**TO:** All District Medicaid Providers Billing for Services under the Medicaid Fee-For-Service Fee Schedule

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**DATE:** April 03, 2024

**SUBJECT: Notice of Pricing Updates to the Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Fee Schedule**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Transmittal is to notify all District Medicaid providers billing Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) for professional items and services of updates to the District's professional fee schedule for physician services, physician-administered drugs, durable medical equipment (DME), parenteral/enteral nutrition items and laboratory services. The professional services categorization refers to all providers who submit claims to the DC Medicaid program using the CMS-1500 claims form.

**Professional Fee Schedule Update**

In accordance with the authority established under the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan (Attachment 4.19B, Part I, Pages 13-14), most physician services, DME, and laboratory services are reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rates as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The exceptions are that certain primary care physicians who have qualified for an enhanced rate, certain DME items, and physician-administered drugs are paid at 100% of the Medicare rate. DHCF makes pricing updates to the fee schedule annually to ensure the reimbursement rates are up to date and are properly aligned with the State Plan provisions.

Physician service pricing updates will be effective January 1, 2024; updates related to physician-administered drugs, DME, parenteral/enteral nutrition items and laboratory services will be effective April 1, 2024. Accordingly, please note that the reimbursement rates will increase for some and decrease for others. Detailed changes can be found online at:

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

### **Managed Care Organization Rates**

Each managed care organization (MCO) negotiates rates with its providers. Providers will be reimbursed according to their contract with each managed care organization (MCO).

### **Contact**

If you have any questions or suggestions related to these pricing updates, please contact Dr. Amy Xing, DM, Reimbursement Analyst, Office of Rates Reimbursement and Financial Analysis, Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) at [amy.xing2@dc.gov](mailto:amy.xing2@dc.gov) or (202) 481-3375.

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