

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

June 28, 2022

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

FROM: CASEY ANGRES
MANAGER OF DIVISION COMPLIANCE

SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES
CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN SERVICES

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION

Clinics are being proposed to add Doula, Community Health Worker (CHW), Licensed Pharmacist, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) as allowable providers under the outpatient encounter.

Registered Dietitian (RD) services is being added to the RHC providers as it was inadvertently left off when the provider type (PT) was previously established.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

Entities Financially Affected: The proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering RHC encounter type of services. Those PTs include but are not limited to: RHCs (PT 17, Specialty 180) Doula (PT 90), Community Health Workers (PT 89), Licensed Pharmacist (PT 91), Registered Dietitian (PT 15) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PT 14).

Financial Impact on Local Government:

1. Doula: An estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for Doula services:
SFY 2022: (\$420,772)
SFY 2023: (\$848,600)
2. CHW: An estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for CHW services:
SFY 2022: (\$199,486)
SFY 2023: (\$839,241)
3. Licensed Pharmacist: No known financial impact to local government.
4. LMFT: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for LMFT services:

SFY 2022: \$93,433
 SFY 2023: \$852,960

These changes are effective July 1, 2022, pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

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MATERIAL SUPERSEDED
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Manual Section	Section Title	Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates
603.9(A)	Provider Services Provided in Rural Health Clinics	Added subsections to differentiate between licensed and certified providers.
603.9(A)(1)		Updated language for clarification of allowable RHC providers. Added “Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT),” “Licensed Pharmacist,” and “Registered Dietitian (RD).”
603.9(A)(2)		Added “Community Health Worker (CHW)” and “Doula.”
603.9(B)		Removed “Indian Health Program (IHP).”

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2. Routine foot care in the absence of infection or inflammation. Routine foot care includes the trimming of nails, cutting or removal of corns and calluses.
 - a. Preventive care and routine foot care can be provided by Outpatient Hospitals, APRN, physician, or physician assistant.

603.9 PROVIDER SERVICES PROVIDED IN RURAL HEALTH CLINICS

~~A.~~ Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

~~+~~ Medicaid covered outpatient services provided in RHCs are reimbursed at an all-inclusive per recipient per encounter rate. Regardless of the number or types of providers seen, only one encounter is reimbursable per day.

~~A.~~ This all-inclusive rate includes any one or more of the following services **provided by a Licensed Qualified Health Professional and/or certified provider-medical professionals.**

1. **Licensed Qualified Health Professionals approved to furnish services included in the outpatient encounter are:**
 - a. Physician (MD/DO);
 - b. Dentist;
 - c. Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN);
 - d. Physician Assistant (PA/PA-C);
 - e. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA);
 - f. Nurse Midwife (NM);
 - g. Psychologist;
 - h. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW);
 - i. Registered Dental Hygienist (**RDH**);
 - j. Podiatrist (DPM);
 - k. Radiology;
 - l. Optometrist (OD);
 - m. Optician ~~(including dispensing of eyeglasses); and~~

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- n. Clinical Laboratory ~~Services~~;
- o. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT);
- p. Licensed Pharmacist; and
- q. Registered Dietitian (RD).
- 2. Certified providers approved to furnish services included in the outpatient encounter are:
 - a. Community Health Workers (CHW); and
 - b. Doulas.
- ~~2.~~ B. Encounter codes are used for primary care services provided by the RHCs in the following areas:
 - 1. ~~a.~~ Core visits include the following:
 - a. Medical and dental office visits, patient hospital visits, injections and oral contraceptives;
 - b. Women’s annual preventive gynecological examinations; and
 - ~~a.c.~~ Colorectal screenings.
 - ~~1.2.~~ Home visits; or
 - ~~2.3.~~ Family planning education.
 - a. ~~1.~~ Up to two times a calendar year the RHC may bill for additional reimbursement along with the encounter rate.
- ~~3.C.~~ For billing instructions for RHC, please refer to PT 17 Special Clinics Billing Guide.
- ~~B.~~ ~~Indian Health Programs (IHP)~~
Please refer to MSM Chapter 3000, Indian Health.

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ANESTHESIA

Medicaid payments for anesthesiology services provided by physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are based on the CMS base units.