

Enhanced Payments to Primary Care Providers

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The enhanced rate is available for certain providers who are fee for service providers with Nebraska Medicaid as well as eligible providers who are enrolled in the Nebraska physical health managed care program. Though Medicaid States were required to reimburse attested primary care providers the Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014, Nebraska Medicaid has chosen to continue this program as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

The increase will apply to a specific set of services and procedures that Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designates as "primary care services."

In order to qualify for the enhanced rates, eligible enrolled Nebraska Medicaid providers must attest to being a primary care physician by one of the following:

Board certification as a primary care physician by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or

Have furnished evaluation & management (E&M) and vaccine services (codes specified by federal regulation) that equal at least 60% of the Medicaid codes billed during the most recently completed fiscal year.

Eligible providers who may qualify for the enhanced rate must complete an Attestation Form to be submitted with the identified documentation to the Medicaid central office. The attestation form and enhanced primary care payment information is available on the Medicaid provider information section of the Division's website at:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Enhanced-Primary-Care-Payments.aspx>