PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: All Medicaid Providers

FROM: Calder Lynch, Director
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RE: Enhanced Payments to Primary Care Providers

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

The purpose of this provider bulletin is to update providers on the continued payment of enhanced rates for certain services to attested primary care providers who specialize in family medicine, general internal, or pediatric medicine. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medicaid States were required to reimburse attested primary care providers Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014. Nebraska Medicaid chose to continue this program, and this has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Enhanced payments are directed to qualified physicians who self-attest to being board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association. For those not board certified, the provider must attest that at least sixty (60) percent of all physician procedure codes in the prior year were billed for evaluation and management (E/M). Physician assistants (PAs) who are supervised by a physician eligible for the enhanced rate are also eligible to receive the enhanced rate. System limitations do not allow the Department to reimburse nurse practitioners for the enhanced payment at this time. More information will be made available as the Department seeks a solution to this issue.

Information regarding enhanced primary care payments, including the attestation form and a list of attested providers, is located at http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/Nebraska-Medicaid-Enhanced-Primary-Care-Payments.aspx. Providers must attest for each new provider number. The Nebraska Medicaid attested provider list is updated regularly and shows the provider license number but not each provider number. To determine if a provider number is attested, you may call Customer Service at 1-855-632-7633. Only claims with dates of service on or after the provider’s acceptance date of attestation will be paid at the enhanced rate.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please call Leah Spencer at 402-471-9368 or email at DHHS.MLTCPhysicalhealth@nebraska.gov.