

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE  
PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

1. Fee structures will be established which are designed to enlist participation of a sufficient number of providers of services in the program so that eligible persons can receive the medical care and services included in the plan at least to the extent they are available.
2. Participation in the program will be limited to providers of service who accept, as payment in full, the amounts paid in accordance with the fee structure.
3. Payment for physician, dentist and other individual practitioner services will be equal to the lesser of the billed charge or the State's fee for that service. Fee schedules are posted on the Executive Office of Health and Human Services web site under the Providers and Partners tab:  
<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/GeneralInformation/ProviderDirectories/Hospitals.aspx>. All governmental and private service providers are reimbursed according to the same published fee schedule. The Medical Assistance Program rates were set as of July 1, 2017 and are effective for services on or after that date.
4. The following is a description of the payment structure by items of service.
  - a. Inpatient hospital services: as described in attachment 4.19A.
  - b. Outpatient hospital services: The Medical Assistance Program will pay for outpatient hospital services using a fee schedule approach based on, but necessarily identical to, the Medicare outpatient prospective payment system. Specific provisions are as follows:
    1. In general, payment will be by fee schedule, with the fee multiplied by the number of allowable units on the claim line. The fee schedule is located at the following address:  
<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf> Fees will be derived as follows:
      - a. For visits, surgeries, imaging procedures, drugs, and other services where Medicare pays hospitals using Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) groups, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of outpatient hospital services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website at the address listed above. For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 outpatient rates will be increased by 7.2%. For each state fiscal year thereafter, the rates will be adjusted effective July 1st based on the change to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services OPSS fee schedule posted January of the current calendar year, except for the twelve-month (12) period beginning July 1, 2020, during which time the rates shall not exceed the rates in effect as of July 1, 2019.
      - b. For physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of outpatient hospital services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website at the address listed above. For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 outpatient rates will be increased by 7.2%. For each state fiscal year thereafter, the rates will be adjusted effective July 1st based on the change to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services OPSS fee schedule posted January of the current calendar year, except for the twelve-month (12) period beginning July 1, 2020, during which time the rates shall not exceed the rates in effect as of July 1, 2019.
      - c. For laboratory services with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, payment will be at the non-hospital community laboratory rate. The fees are effective for claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2016. The fee schedule can be found on the EOHHS website at the address listed above.

For observation services, EOHHS will pay an hourly fee from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> hour of observation. The agency's observation fee was set as of July 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The observation fee is included in the fee schedule found on the EOHHS website at the address listed above. For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, outpatient rates will be increased by 7.2%. For each state fiscal year thereafter, the rates will be adjusted effective July 1st based on the change to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services OPSS fee schedule posted January of the current calendar year, except for the twelve-month (12) period beginning July 1, 2020, during which time the rates shall not exceed the rates in effect as of July 1, 2019.

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