



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Dear Doctor:

We are pleased to let you know that the Attestation Portal for the 2013-2014 Rhode Island Medicaid Primary Care Fee Increase is now available. To verify and attest to your eligibility for this program, please visit:

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/>

(Under the label “What’s New in Medicaid” click on the link for the “Primary Care Provider Payment Increase.”)

The Medicaid Primary Care Fee Increase enhances Medicaid payments for certain Evaluation & Management and vaccine administration codes to Medicare levels for the period of January 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2014. To be eligible for the program, you must practice in one of the specialties of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine or Pediatrics. You must also be either Board Certified in one of those specialties, or demonstrate eligibility through a self-review of your Medicaid claims.

Here’s why you should visit the Attestation Portal:

1. Medicaid may already have information about your board certification status from our participating health plans (United Healthcare Community Plan or Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island). If you attested to your specialty and board certification through a Medicaid health plan credentialing process, you can simply confirm your eligibility for the program at the Attestation Portal. Please visit the Attestation site above, enter your NPI under section II (Check Status) and click on “Check Status.” If the response is “yes,” then we have your board certification, and you will receive the increased payments automatically. No further action by you is necessary (unless you are also attesting for a Nurse Practitioner or Physician’s Assistant. See #3). If the response is “no,” you must continue through the Attestation process and submit your information in order to be eligible.

2. Non-board certified providers must attest that 60% of their total Medicaid claims (including fee-for-service and Medicaid Managed Care) in the previous year were for the eligible E & M and vaccine administration codes in order to receive the fee increase. The codes eligible for this program and the relevant Medicare payment rates for 2013 can be found at the above link.

3. If you are eligible for this program and take direct professional responsibility for a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, they are also eligible for the increase. You must go to the Attestation Portal and list those nurse practitioners and physicians assistants in order for them to receive the increase. (Note that you must list these providers on the portal, even if you are already eligible via the health plan credentialing process described in #1).

Providers who attest to their eligibility by June 9, 2013 will receive the fee increase retroactive to January 1, 2013. Providers who attest after June 9, 2013 will receive the increase effective the date of their attestation.

Further information about the program, including frequently asked questions can be found at the web site above. For further information, you may also call provider relations representatives at (Please note that you cannot attest for the program by phone):

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI – (401)459-6020

United Healthcare Community Plan – (877)842 3210

Fee For Service Medicaid – (401)784-8100 or (800)964-6211 for toll free in-state calls

We look forward to your participation in this important program.

Sincerely,



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