

**§10703. Alternate Payment Methodology**

A. Effective for dates of service on or after October 20, 2007, the Medicaid Program establishes an alternate payment methodology for adjunct services provided by federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) when these professional services are rendered during evening, weekend or holiday hours. This alternate payment methodology is in addition to the prospective payment system methodology established for FQHC services.

1. A payment for adjunct services is not allowed when the encounter is for dental services only.

B. The reimbursement for adjunct services is a flat fee, based on the current procedural terminology (CPT) procedure code, in addition to the reimbursement for the associated office encounter.

C. Reimbursement is limited to services rendered between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, on weekends and state legal holidays. Documentation relative to this reimbursement must include the time that the services were rendered.

D. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, FQHCs shall be reimbursed a separate payment outside of the prospective payment system (PPS) rate for long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs).

1. Reimbursement for LARCs shall be at the lesser of, the rate on file or the actual acquisition cost for entities participating in the 340B program. Federally qualified health centers eligible for 340B pricing must bill Medicaid at their 340B actual acquisition cost for reimbursement.

E. Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, the Medicaid Program shall establish an alternative payment methodology for behavioral health services provided in FQHCs by one of the following practitioners:

1. physicians with a psychiatric specialty;
2. nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialist with a psychiatric specialty;
3. licensed clinical social workers; or
4. clinical psychologist.

F. The reimbursement for behavioral health services will equal the all-inclusive prospective payment system rate on file for the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive prospective payment system rate on the same date for a medical/dental visit.

G. Dental services shall be reimbursed at the all-inclusive encounter prospective payment system rate on file for fee for service for the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive prospective payment system rate made on the same date for a medical/behavioral health visit.

H. During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, Louisiana Medicaid will establish an alternative payment methodology (APM) for FQHC providers to be reimbursed at the standard vaccine administration payment rates listed on the COVID-19 vaccine and treatment fee schedule outside of the facility's current all-inclusive prospective payment system rate on file. This APM will only be allowed when the COVID-19 vaccine is administered without the performance of an evaluation and management procedure on the same date of service.

I. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, the Medicaid Program shall reimburse for community health worker services through a separate payment outside the PPS rate.

J. Effective for dates of service on or after July 20, 2023, Medicaid will increase FQHC payments by \$30 per encounter. This payment shall be reimbursed through an alternative payment methodology when these services are provided on the same date as a medical/dental/behavioral health visit that includes an evaluation and management procedure code as one of the detailed lines on the claim. The APM will pay FQHCs an add-on amount of \$30 in addition to the PPS rate on file for the date of service. The APM must be agreed to by the department and the FQHC and must result in a payment to the FQHC, which is at least the PPS rate on file for the date of service.

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