

§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 the following services:

1. Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs)

a. 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.

2. Mammogram Screening and Diagnosis

a. Reimbursement for mammogram screening and diagnostics shall be a flat fee on file based on Medicaid covered current procedural terminology (CPT) code(s), in addition to the PPS rate for the associated encounter/office visit.

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.

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