

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES -- OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Behavioral Health and Dental Services

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.

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

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

The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) will be agreed to by the Department and the FQHC, and will result in payment to the FQHC of an amount that is at least equal to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.

Encounter Rate Adjustment

Effective for dates of service on or after July 20, 2023, Medicaid will increase payments by \$30 per encounter. This payment is to assist providers with increased cost associated with delivering services in underserved areas. This payment shall be reimbursed through an APM 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 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.

Managed Care Enrollees

An FQHC that furnishes services that qualify as an encounter to Medicaid beneficiaries pursuant to a contract with a managed care entity, as defined in Section 1932(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, where the payment(s) from such entity is less than the amount the FQHC would be entitled to receive under PPS or APM, will be eligible to receive a wrap-around supplemental payment processed and paid by Louisiana Department of Health. The wrap-around supplemental payment shall be made no less frequently than every four months and reconciled no less than annually. Payments related to yearly reconciliations will be made within the two year payment requirements at 42 CFR Section 447.45 and 45 CFR Section 95, Subpart A.