

§15113. Reimbursement Methodology

A. For newly added procedure codes for beneficiaries age 0 through 15 years old, the Medicaid fee shall be set at 90 percent of the current year's Louisiana Region 99 Medicare allowable fee. For newly added procedure codes for beneficiaries age 16 years and older, the Medicaid fee shall be set at 75 percent of the current year's Louisiana Region 99 Medicare allowable fee.

1. If there is no corresponding Medicare fee, the Medicaid fee shall be set based on a review of other state Medicaid Program fees, other health insurer fees in Louisiana, or as determined by either the Louisiana Medicaid Medical Director or the contracted physician consultant of the department's fiscal intermediary.

2. If establishing a Medicaid fee based on Medicare rates results in a fee that is reasonably expected to be insufficient to ensure that the service is available to beneficiaries, an alternate methodology shall be used. The Medicaid fee shall be set based on a review of other state Medicaid Program fees, other health insurer fees in Louisiana, or as determined by either the Louisiana Medicaid Medical Director or the contracted physician consultant of the department's fiscal intermediary.

B. Effective for dates of service on or after October 15, 2007, the reimbursement for selected physician services shall be 90 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount, unless otherwise stipulated.

1. The reimbursement shall remain the same for those services that are currently being reimbursed at a rate that is between 90 percent and 120 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable.

2. For those services that are currently reimbursed at a rate above 120 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable, effective for dates of service on or after October 15, 2007, the reimbursement for these services shall be reduced to 120 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable.

C. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2008, the reimbursement for selected physician services shall be 90 percent of the 2008 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount, unless otherwise stipulated.

1. The reimbursement shall remain the same for those services that are currently reimbursed at a rate that is between 90 percent and 120 percent of the 2008 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable.

2. For those services that are currently reimbursed at a rate above 120 percent of the 2008 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2008, the reimbursement for these services shall be reduced to 120 percent of the 2008 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable.

D. Effective for dates of service on or after August 4, 2009, the reimbursement for all physician services rendered to recipients 16 years of age or older shall be reduced to 80 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount.

1. For those services that are currently reimbursed at a rate below 80 percent of the Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable, effective for dates of service on or after August 4, 2009, the reimbursement for these services shall be increased to 80 percent of the Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount.

2. The following physician services are excluded from the rate adjustment:

- a. preventive medicine evaluation and management;
- b. immunizations;
- c. family planning services; and
- d. select orthopedic reparative services.

3. Effective for dates of service on or after November 20, 2009, the following physician services are excluded from the rate adjustment:

- a. prenatal evaluation and management; and
- b. delivery services.

E. Effective for dates of service on or after January 22, 2010, physician services rendered to recipients 16 years of age or older shall be reduced to 75 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount.

1. The following physician services rendered to recipients 16 years of age or older shall be reimbursed at 80 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount:

- a. prenatal evaluation and management services;
- b. preventive medicine evaluation and management services; and
- c. obstetrical delivery services.

F. Effective for dates of service on or after January 22, 2010, physician services rendered to recipients 16 years of age or older shall be reduced to 75 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount.

G. Effective for dates of service on or after January 22, 2010, all physician services that are currently reimbursed below the reimbursement rates in §15113.D-F shall be increased to the rates in §15113.D-F.

H. Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2010, reimbursement shall be 90 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable for the following obstetric services when rendered to recipients 16 years of age and older:

- 1. vaginal-only delivery (with or without postpartum care);
- 2. vaginal delivery after previous cesarean (VBAC) delivery; and
- 3. cesarean delivery following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery. The reimbursement for a cesarean delivery remains at 80 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable when the service is rendered to recipients 16 years of age and older.

I. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, reimbursement shall be as follows for the designated physician services:

- 1. reimbursement for professional consultation services (procedure codes 99241-99245 and 99251-99255) shall be discontinued;
- 2. reimbursement for cesarean delivery (procedure codes 59514-59515) shall be reduced to equal reimbursement for vaginal delivery fees (procedure codes 59409-59410); and
- 3. reimbursement for all other professional services procedure codes shall be reduced by 3.4 percent of the rates on file as of June 30, 2012.

J. Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2013, the reimbursement for certain physician services shall be reduced by 1 percent of the rate in effect on January 31, 2013.

K. Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2018, physicians, who qualify under the provisions of §15110 for services rendered in affiliation with a state-

owned or operated entity that has been designated as an essential provider, shall receive enhanced reimbursement rates up to the community rate level for qualifying services as determined in §15110.C.

L. Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2021, the fee on file for inpatient neonatal critical care services(as specified in CPT) shall be increased by 5 percent.

M. Administration of treatments related to a declared public health emergency shall be reimbursed at up to 100 percent of the Louisiana Region 99 Medicare rate for the duration deemed necessary by the Medicaid Program to ensure access.

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