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Announcement 621

## **Increased Payment for Certain Primary Care Physicians for Calendar Years 2013 and 2014 as Part of the Affordable Care Act**

As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented a rate increase for certain Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) and their associated subspecialties. This increased rate is effective for calendar years 2013 and 2014. CMS has approved the Nevada Medicaid Fee for Service State Plan Amendment. Supplemental payments for the first and second quarters of 2013 will be issued in July.

Enhanced payments will be made on a quarterly basis. It is not necessary to resubmit an attestation form for each quarter. If a provider has already submitted an attestation form, that form will be referenced for all payments. Providers must submit updated Board Certifications from The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) if they have expired. Providers will not continue to receive the enhanced payment if a current certification is not submitted. Updated certifications may be faxed to DHCFP Rates and Cost Containment (775) 684-3773, Attention Becky Vernon-Ritter.

### **For Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners:**

- The Supervising Physician must fill out and submit the Statement of Responsibility form in order for Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners to receive the enhanced rate. Per CMS there must be a signed form stating the Supervising Physician is accepting professional and legal responsibility for the Physician Assistant and/or Nurse Practitioner. Collaboration agreements from the State Board of Nursing will not be accepted.
- DHCFP will honor the date of the submission of the attestation form for providers who complete and return the Statement of Responsibility within the next 30 days from the date of this web announcement. Submissions after 30 days will result in reimbursement on a go forward basis and will not be retroactive.
- If the Statement of Responsibility is not submitted, CMS will not authorize the enhanced payment for the Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. The Statement of Responsibility can be located at <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/ratesUnit.htm> under the section titled "Important Information Regarding Increased Payment for Certain Primary Care Physicians for Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 as Part of the Affordable Care Act."

For additional information, contact the DHCFP Rates and Cost Containment Unit at (775) 684-3763.