

Continuing the Medicaid Primary Care Bump



Background

House Bill 16-1408 (HB 1408) partially extends enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services. The rates were initially raised in 2014 through federal funding as part of the Affordable Care Act in an effort to reimburse primary care providers for Medicaid clients at a rate more closely aligned with Medicare. Once the federal funding phased out, Colorado lawmakers committed to maintaining a modified rate bump through July 2016. Due to budget limitations, the enhanced rates were set to expire, but this bill creates a \$20 million fund – the Primary Care Sustainability Fund – to maintain increased reimbursements for selected Medicaid service codes from July 2016 through June 2017. CHA will continue to advocate for the extension of these enhanced rates.

What You Need to Know

The following services have been selected to continue on as part of the enhanced reimbursement program:

| CODE GROUP | CODES |
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| Counseling and Health Risk Assessments | 99401-99414, 99417-99429 |
| Critical Care Visits – Neonatal and Pediatric | 99466-99476 |
| Immunization Administration | 90460-90461, 90471-90474 |
| Newborn | 99460-99465, 99477-99486 |
| Office Visits | 99201-99205, 99211-99215 |
| Preventive Medicine Visits | 99381-99397 |

With HB 1408's enhancements, the rates for these services will be just more than 87 percent of Medicare, on average. No additional validation is required for providers to access these rates.

Additional Resources

- [HB 1408 Fiscal Note](#)
- [CHA letter of support for the bill sent to Governor Hickenlooper in April 2016](#)
- HB 1408 took effect on May 4, 2016.

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