



AmeriHealth Caritas[™]
District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers
Date: September 5, 2024
Subject: Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services Program FAQ

Dear Provider:

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for the Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services Program.

Please contact the Provider Enrollment and Outreach Branch at the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) with any questions at DHCF.ProviderEnrollment@DC.gov or 202-698-2000.

Sincerely,
AmeriHealth Caritas DC



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services Program?

The District of Columbia pays qualified providers for certain primary care and vaccine administration services at an enhanced rate. The increased payment applies to both fee-for-service and managed care claims.

Who qualifies for the enhanced reimbursement?

Eligible primary care providers include qualified Primary Care Physicians, Psychiatrists, Obstetricians/ Gynecologists (OB/GYNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

What do I need to do to qualify for enhanced reimbursement?

For Primary Care Physicians:

To qualify for the increase in primary care payments, each physician must first **self-attest** that he/she is a physician with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, or psychiatry. In addition, each physician must self-attest that he/she is either Board-certified in an eligible specialty or that 60 percent of his/her Medicaid claims for the prior year (or for new practitioners, the prior month), were for the eligible Evaluation and Management (E &M) codes specified under the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) rules.

For Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)

To qualify as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), each APRN must self-attest that 60 percent of his/her Medicaid claims for the prior year (or for new practitioners, the prior month), were for the eligible Evaluation and Management (E &M) codes specified under DHCF rules. An APRN who practices under the supervision of an eligible physician may also be eligible for an increased payment rate. If you are an APRN seeking the increased payment based upon your supervising physician's eligibility, your supervising physician must complete certain sections of the Self-Attestation.

Who should I contact for questions?

Should you have additional questions, please contact the Provider Enrollment and Outreach Branch at Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)

By phone: 202-698-2000

By Email: dhcf.providerenrollment@dc.gov