



Memorandum

To: Practitioners and Office Managers

From: Sherri Tarpchinoff Bennett, Provider Network Manager

Date: August 27, 2013

Re: Affordable Care Act (ACA) – Primary Care Payment Increase Updates

Dear Providers,

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) would like to remind providers that Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, Medi-Cal reimbursement to qualifying providers for specified primary care services will be paid at the same level as that service is reimbursed by Medicare.

To be eligible for the ACA and 42 CFR 447 enhanced payments, the physician rendering or supervising the service must personally attest to be the following:

- A physician, as defined in 42 CFR 440.50 with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine or a subspecialty within one of the listed specialties.

AND

- Meeting **at least one** of the following qualifications:
 - Board certified in a specialty or subspecialty that is recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Please see the “Related Links” section of this page for links to additional information.

OR

- At least 60 percent of total claim volume for the most recently completed calendar year or, for newly eligible physicians, the prior month, were for E&M (99201 – 99499) and Vaccine Administration (90460, 90461, 90471 – 90474, or their successors) services or local codes that correspond to these E&M and Vaccine Administration codes.

Eligible Providers are required to complete the self-attestation form located on the Medi-Cal Website: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/aca/aca_form_landing.asp

Additionally, GCHP is required to provide payment directly to the eligible rendering provider. Therefore, all providers must provide GCHP with a W9 and complete the GCHP ACA Provider Information Form in addition to completing the Medi-Cal Self-Attestation.

The GCHP FAQ, ACA Provider Information For, and W9 can be accessed on the GCHP Website here: <http://goldcoasthealthplan.org/providers/resources.aspx>

It is important to note that GCHP cannot make the increased payments to providers until they have completed the Medi-Cal Self-Attestation and submitted a W9 and GCHP ACA Provider Information Form.

Payment to providers that have met all criteria will be made once GCHP receives payment from DHCS (expected late fall). A one-time payment to providers will be made retroactive to January 1, 2013. Subsequent payments will be made monthly.

Please contact GCHP Provider Relations Department with any questions or concerns:
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With Kind Regards,

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