

MEDICAID PROVIDER BULLETIN

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PCP rate increase decommissioning update

This provider bulletin is an update of information in the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) Medicaid Provider Manual. For access to the latest Manual, visit www.anthem.com.

Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires a temporary increase in Medicaid payments for qualifying primary care services provided by qualifying physicians for dates of service in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

At the end of December 2013, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning transferred funds to the managed care entities (MCEs) for services provided to each MCE's membership enrolled in Medicaid during Quarter 1, Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2013 for distribution to the qualifying providers on January 31, 2014.

Those who self-attested received these funds. This ACA requirement increased payments to attested physicians with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine and related subspecialists for specified primary care services and charged for vaccine administration under the Vaccines for Children Program. If providers did not complete the self-attestation form, they were still paid in accordance with their contracted rate, but they did not receive the enhancements.

Effective for dates of service on or after **January 1, 2015**, Anthem will no longer provide increased reimbursement to Medicare levels for primary care services. We will continue to reimburse qualified providers and qualified services provided in 2013 and 2014 in accordance with the requirements of the ACA.

If you have any questions about this communication, received this in error or need help with anything else, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-855-661-2028**.

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