


**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

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**TO:** All Medicaid Providers Billing for Professional Services under the Physician Fee Schedule

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**DATE:** February 28, 2017

**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Pricing Updates to the Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule**

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The purpose of this Transmittal is to notify all Medicaid providers billing for professional services of updates to the District's professional fee schedule for physician services, physician-administered drugs, durable medical equipment (DME) and laboratory services. The professional services categorization refers to all providers who submit claims to the DC Medicaid program using the CMS -1500 claims form.

Under the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan, most physician services, physician-administered drugs, DME and laboratory services are reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rates as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The exceptions are that certain qualified primary care physician services and chemotherapy physician-administered drugs are both paid at 100% of the Medicare rate. Please note that primary care physician services pricing has already been updated for 2017. DHCF is making pricing updates to the fee schedule to ensure the reimbursement rates are up to date and are properly aligned with the State Plan provisions. These updates will be based on four Medicare Fee Schedules and will be effective January 1, 2017; physician services, physician-administered drugs, DME and laboratory services

DHCF plans to implement these updates to the DC Medicaid claims processing system within 30 days from the transmittal date stated above. Accordingly, please note that the reimbursement rates and maximum unit values will increase for some and decrease for others. Detailed changes to the rates can be found online at

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dwebportal/documentInformation/getDocument/15916>.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to this pricing updates, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, at (202) 481-3375 or [amy.xing2@dc.gov](mailto:amy.xing2@dc.gov).

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