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### CMCS Informational Bulletin

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**SUBJECT: Primary Care Payment and Vaccine Administration Charge Increase**

Yesterday CMS put on display in the Federal Register the final rule implementing Payments for Services Furnished by Certain Primary Care Physicians and Charges for Vaccine Administration under the Vaccines for Children Program as authorized by sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(jj), 1905(dd) and 1932(f) of the Social Security Act. The regulation will formally be published on Tuesday November 6. The rule provides that states reimburse certain primary care physicians in calendar years (CYs) 2013 and 2014 at rates not less than the Medicare rates in effect in those calendar years. This minimum payment level applies to specific primary care services reimbursed fee for service and through managed care. It provides 100 percent federal matching funds for the difference in payment between the applicable Medicare payment in those years and the Medicaid rate in effect as of July 1, 2009.

This final rule also updates the interim regional maximum fees that providers may charge for the administration of pediatric vaccines to federally vaccine-eligible children under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

CMCS will make technical assistance available to help states implement this provision of the law, beginning with a national telephone conference call during which CMCS will walk through the provisions of the rule. Information about the call will be available shortly. Additional technical assistance will be made widely available through CMS Regional Offices.

The rule is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

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