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**Increased Primary Care Service Payment 42 CFR 447.400, 447.405, 447.410, 447.415**

**Attachment 4.19-B: Physician Services 42 CFR 447.405 Amount of Minimum Payment**

The state reimburses for services provided by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the Medicare Part B fee schedule rate using the Medicare physician fee schedule rate in effect in calendar years 2013 and 2014 or, if greater, the payment rates that would be applicable in those years using the calendar year 2009 Medicare physician fee schedule conversion factor. If there is no applicable rate established by Medicare, the state uses the rate specified in a fee schedule established and announced by CMS.

- The rates reflect all Medicare site of service adjustments and the mean value over all counties for each of the specified evaluation and management and vaccine administration codes.
- The rates do not reflect site of service adjustments, but reimburse at the Medicare rate applicable to the office setting.
- The rates reflect all Medicare geographic/locality adjustments.
- The rates are statewide and reflect the mean value over all counties for each of the specified evaluation and management and vaccine billing codes.

The following formula was used to determine the mean rate over all counties for each code:

To determine the mean rate over all counties, the state utilized the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule RVUs November 2012 release with the 2009 conversion factor.

The state will make changes to the fee schedule annually to reflect Medicare updates.

The rates initially paid were developed using the initial Deloitte fee schedule distributed in January, 2013. Starting April 12, 2013 for non-vaccine codes and May 4, 2013 for vaccine codes, the rates paid were developed using the revised Deloitte fee schedule distributed in March, 2013.

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**Method of Payment**

- The state has adjusted its fee schedule to make payment at the higher rate for each E&M and vaccine administration code.
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The state reimburses a supplemental amount equal to the difference between the Medicaid rate in effect on July 1, 2009 and the minimum payment required at 42 CFR 447.405.

Supplemental payment is made:  monthly  quarterly

**Primary Care Services Affected by this Payment Methodology**

This payment applies to all Evaluation and Management (E&M) billing codes 99201 through 99499.

The State did not make payment as of July 1, 2009 for the following codes and will not make payment for those codes under this SPA (specify codes). \_99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99251, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255, 99288, 99315, 99316, 99339, 99340, 99354, 99355, 99356, 99357, 99358, 99359, 99360, 99363, 99364, 99366, 99367, 99368, 99374, 99375, 99377, 99378, 99379, 99380, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99406, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99420, 99429, 99441, 99442, 99443, 99444, 99450, 99455, 99456, 99485-99489, 99495, and 99496 \_\_\_\_\_

**(Primary Care Services Affected by this Payment Methodology – continued)**

The state will make payment under this SPA for the following codes which have been added to the fee schedule since July 1, 2009 (specify code and date added).  
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**Physician Services – Vaccine Administration**

For calendar years (CYs) 2013 and 2014, for vaccines provided under the Vaccines for Children program, the state reimburses vaccine administration services furnished by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the lesser of the state regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or the Medicare rate in effect in CYs 2013 and 2014 (or, if higher, the rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor and the 2013 and 2014 RVUs) for code 90460.

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- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rate
- State regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children program
- Rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor

**Documentation of Vaccine Administration Rates in Effect 7/1/09**

The state uses one of the following methodologies to impute the payment rate in effect at 7/1/09 for code 90460, which was introduced in 2011 as a successor billing code for billing codes 90465 and 90471.

The imputed rate in effect at 7/1/09 for code 90460 equals the rate in effect at 7/1/09 for billing codes 90465 and 90471 times their respective claims volume for a 12 month period which encompasses July 1, 2009. Using this methodology, the imputed rate in effect for code 90460 at 7/1/09 is: \$16.19.

A single rate was in effect on 7/1/09 for all vaccine administration services, regardless of billing code. This 2009 rate is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Alternative methodology to calculate the vaccine administration rate in effect 7/1/09: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note: This section contains a description of the state’s methodology and specifies the affected billing codes.

The rates for 90465 and 90471 were calculated using CMS’s 2009 relative value units adjusted by an average statewide geographic pricing cost index (GPCI). After multiplying a state conversion factor by the adjusted RVUs, the final rate for both codes came out to \$16.19. After weighting both rates by claim volume, the final imputed rate for 90460 in effect on 7/1/09 is \$16.19.

**Effective Date of Payment**

E & M Services

This reimbursement methodology applies to services delivered on and after January 1, 2013, ending on 12/31/14. All rates are published at (*insert agency website*).  
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