

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

PHYSICIANS' SERVICES

For dates of service on or after August 1, 1989, NMAP pays for covered physicians' services at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule in effect for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule as:
 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor (last updated on July 1, 2010);
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule); or
 - c. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established - in the fee schedule).
3. Exception: The Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care or designee may enter into an agreement for a negotiated rate with an out-of-state provider which will be based on a percentage of billed charges, not to exceed 100%, only when the Medical Director of the Division has determined that:
 - a. The client requires specialized services that are not available in Nebraska; and
 - b. No other source of the specialized service can be found.

The following is a listing of specialized physician services that have been previously rendered by out-of-state providers:

- a. lung transplants; and
- b. pediatric heart transplants.

Note: The above listing is not all-inclusive of the specialized physician services that will be reimbursed via negotiated rates in the future, as it is based on previous experience."

The Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule was last updated on July 1, 2011 and is effective for services rendered on or after that date. The fee schedule is subject to annual/periodic adjustment. All rates, including current and prior rates, are published and maintained on the agency's website. Specifically, the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published at http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/practitioner_fee_schedule.htm.

Physicians and non-physician care providers are subject to a site-of-service payment adjustment. A site-of-service differential that reduces the fee schedule amount for specific CPT/HCPCS codes will be applied when the service is provided in the facility setting. Based on the Medicare differential, NMAP will reimburse specific CPT/HCPCS codes with adjusted rates based on the site-of-service.

The Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule is effective July 1 through June 30 of each year.

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