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d. Other practitioners' services

5. Physician Assistants' services

Physician assistants must be employed by or under contract with a physician, physician group practice, or clinic. Limitations applicable to physicians' services also apply to physician assistants' services.

The scope of physician assistants' services is defined by Ohio law. Physician assistants' services must be authorized by Ohio law (or otherwise approved by the state medical board) and within the scope of practice of the physician assistant's supervising physician.

The following services are not covered when provided by a physician assistant:

- Assistant-at-surgery services;
- Visits and/or procedures provided on the same date of service by both a physician assistant and his/her supervising physician, employing physician, employing physician group practice, or employing clinic and billed as separate procedure codes;
- Consultations and critical/intensive care services (although physician assistants may provide services that are valuable components of a consultation, ultimately a consultation is the responsibility of a physician); and
- Services prohibited by State law.

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Payment is the lesser of the billed charge or an amount based on the Medicaid maximum for the service. The Medicaid maximum is the amount listed on the Department's fee schedule.

The following payment scenarios applicable to physicians also apply to physician assistants:

The maximum reimbursement for physician groups that contract with a hospital to provide physician hospital clinic services in the physician group practice setting and who provide 40 percent of the Medicaid physician visits in the county of location and 10 percent of the visits in contiguous counties, is the lesser of billed charges or the Medicaid maximum for a particular service according to the Department's fee schedule, plus 40 percent of that fee.

The Department will reimburse for services provided by a physician assistant the lesser of the billed charge or eighty-five per cent of the Medicaid maximum, utilizing a modifier that indicates the provider and services are subject to an adjusted rate, unless the service is the type usually provided by medical personnel below the physician assistant and/or advanced practice nurse level of education (e.g., collection of specimens, immunizations). The Department will reimburse for services provided by a physician assistant either the lesser of the billed charge or one hundred per cent of the Medicaid maximum.

Rates and fees can be found by accessing the agency's website at jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/provider.stm. The rates available at this website include all annual or periodic adjustments to the fee schedule. The agency's fee schedule is in effect for physician assistants' services provided on or after July 1, 2012. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedules and rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.