



Memo

To: Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
Date: February 10, 2014
Re: PCP Rate Increase Supplemental Payment Update

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) grants a rate increase for certain primary care Medicaid services provided during 2013 and 2014. HHSC will issue quarterly supplemental payments to providers to cover the difference between the regular Medicaid rate for the service and the temporary increase. In January, HHSC was scheduled to issue payments directly to the health plans and the health plans are expected to pass the payment to the appropriate Provider. Payments to a billing Provider group (such as a group practice, facility, or institution) are required to pass down the full supplemental payment from the billing Provider group to the eligible and identified Provider. Provider groups who believe they are exempt from this HHSC requirement must provide documentation supporting their declaration.

To be eligible to receive supplemental payments, providers must complete and submit an attestation form to TMHP. The form is available on the TMHP website:
http://www.tmhp.com/Provider_Forms/Medicaid/ACA%20Primary%20Care%20Attestation.pdf

Only physicians who meet the specialty and board certification or Medicaid billing volume requirements described on the attestation form are eligible for supplemental payments. Physicians who complete the form by April 1, 2014 will qualify for rate increase payments for services provided since January 1, 2013. Those who complete the form after April 1, 2014 will get the rate increase payments only for services provided from the date they complete the form.

TMHP has published a list of Providers who have the required attestation form on file. As new attestation forms are processed TMHP will continue to update the list.
http://www.tmhp.com/TMHP_File_Library/ACA/PCP%20Attestation%20List.pdf

Please contact your Provider Relations Representative or Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778 ext. 1507 for general questions. For all other detailed questions or concerns regarding this process or amounts to be paid, please contact TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.