

# Medicaid Policy Update 2024

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# Medicaid's Goals

1. Early Intervention and Prevention
2. Improved Behavioral Health
3. Improved Maternal Health outcomes
4. Improving health and increasing savings through value- and outcome-based payments.



# January 1, 2024\*

## ❖ PCMH Addendum:

1. Added metrics for colorectal cancer screenings & well-child visits.
2. Added information metrics for HPV vaccine & developmental screens.
3. Created an add-on for practices that have trained and are implementing the Healthy Steps evidence-based model for beneficiaries aged 0-48 months.
  1. The add-on PMPM is \$3.44
  2. Must implement to fidelity

## ❖ Developmental Screening by PCPs:

1. For ages 0-48 months, PCP will be able to bill for one (1) screen per year.
2. \$8.80 per screen.

## ❖ Act 581-Hospital Reimbursement of LARCS:

1. Coverage during a hospital stay for delivery.

## ❖ Counseling Rates:

1. Making the individual counseling rate increase permanent (to 80% of Medicare)
2. Decreasing the group counseling rates to 100% of Medicare
3. Adding maternal depression screens for PCPs (including pediatricians)

\*All dates are anticipated effective dates and subject to Legislative and CMS approval.

# February 1, 2024

- ❖ Act 480-Coordinated Triage, Treat, and Transport benefit (ET3):
  1. Mirrors Medicare program.
  2. Allows Ambulance Providers to treat in place or transport to an alternate destination, *IF* a consult with a physician or licensed BH clinician occurs.
    - Alternate Destinations include: FQHC, Physician's Office, CSU, Urgent Care, or behavioral health care facility.
  3. Will pay at ALS or BLS rates.
- ❖ Adult Immunization Coverage:
  1. CMS Mandated that we cover all ACIP recommended vaccinations for adults.
  2. This will add dengue, varicella, Japanese encephalitis, and HPV
  3. Required for DOS from 10/1/23 on.
- ❖ Act 59-Rural Emergency Hospitals (**will likely be extended**):
  1. Mirrors CMS rule for Medicare designation.
  2. Allows Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) to become REHs.
  3. Will pay as CAHs.
  4. On hold with CMS as they navigate the new rule's application to Medicaid.



# April 1, 2024

- ❖ Act 393-Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)—**delayed**.
  1. Allow CGMs to be delivered at a pharmacy.
  2. Collect rebate.
  3. Still negotiating with CMS on how best to implement.
- ❖ CMS Mandated vaccine counseling for EPSDT.
  1. Still finalizing policy.
  2. Will cover for *all* vaccines for children under EPSDT.

# July 1, 2024

- ❖ Acts 303/872-Clinical Nurse Specialists and Physician Assistants as rendering and billing providers:
  1. Will have to enroll and receive a provider number.
  2. Will receive 80% of physician rate.

# Other Initiatives

- ❖ Electronic Visit Verification for Home Health:
  1. Will be sending communication on enrolling direct care workers as rendering providers.
  2. Will send communication on training with the EVV system for those providers.
  3. **No hard cut off will be implemented until all of that has occurred.**
- ❖ Maternal Life360:
  1. Working on entering start up agreements with first group of providers.
- ❖ TEFRA Renewal:
  1. Still pending with CMS.
  2. Will streamline re-enrollment for categorical diagnoses.
- ❖ Hepatitis C Drugs:
  1. Removed Fibrosis Score as criteria for prior authorization.

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