

**Provider Notice 14-19**

Dear Provider,

**Effective for claims with dates of service July 1, 2013,\* through December 31, 2014**, the Medicaid Program of the Health Care Authority (agency) will increase reimbursement rates for evaluation and management (E/M) services and vaccine administration provided by eligible independent advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) to eligible Washington State Medicaid clients. The rate increase is authorized by the Washington State Legislature.

**Eligible providers** are independent ARNPs who are **not** supervised by an eligible primary care physician and who are **not** already receiving increased rates for E/M services and vaccine administration services as provided under the Affordable Care Act, section 1202.

**Enhanced rates:** The agency will calculate the enhanced rates for independent ARNPs using Medicare's payment method in which ARNP services are paid at 80% of the lesser of the actual charge or 85% of what a physician is paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule. For the purpose of this enhanced rate calculation, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) determines the amount payable to a physician as authorized by [42 CFR 447.405](#) for qualified services in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

If the enhanced rate is less than the agency's published fee schedule rate, the agency's payment will equal the published rate. Other payment rules and restrictions apply.

**Exclusions:** This rate increase will not apply to any of the following:

- Federally qualified health center services and rural health clinic services reimbursed as part of the encounter rate
- Services provided under state-only funded programs
- Services paid at an enhanced or supplemental rate through a separate provision or regulation

**Published rates:** The agency will post the enhanced rates for independent ARNPs for 2013 and 2014 on the agency's [Rates Development Fee Schedules](#) web page.

**Billing information:** There is no attestation requirement for independent ARNPs to participate in this rate increase. The system will automatically pay at higher rates based on the ARNP servicing/rendering provider taxonomy number submitted on the claim. The agency's payment system will begin paying at the higher rates after March 17, 2014.

\*Eligible claims paid since July 1, 2013, will be reprocessed by the agency or providers can adjust claims after March 17, 2014, to receive the higher rate. There are no additional billing requirements. Providers must bill their usual and customary charges and follow the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

ARNPs supervised by eligible family medicine, pediatric, or internal medicine physicians will continue to receive the higher rates through the federal program.

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