PUBLIC NOTICE
(SPA 22-0002)
5% COVID-19 Discontinuance

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue the temporary COVID-19 5% legislative rate increase mandated under Session Law 2020-4 (House Bill 1043). The removal of the temporary rate increase applies to programs that are not classified as Home- and Community-Based (HCBS) services, as defined in Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan. Effective 1/1/2022, rates for the Medicaid Direct (formerly known as Fee for Service programs) listed below will revert to the rates paid prior to implementation of the temporary COVID-19 5% increases.

This amendment will become effective January 1, 2022.

The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is a. SFY 2022 $1,000,000*
b. SFY 2023 $0.00

Ambulance	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility
Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Indian Health Services
Anesthesiology/CRNA	Local Health Departments
Birth Centers	Nurse Midwives
Chiropractors	Nurse Practitioner
Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Optical Program
Dental	Optometrist
Dialysis	Orthotics & Prosthetics
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Out-of-state Hospitals (base rates)
Extended Service for Pregnant Women	Pharmacy Dispensing Fees
FQHC and RHC Physician Service Codes	Pharmacy Diabetic Testing Supplies (DTS)
Freestanding Psych and Rehab facilities	Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP)
Hearing Aids	Physician Assistant
Hospice	Physician Services
Home Infusion Therapy	Podiatry
Independent Lab	Pregnancy Management Program (formerly Pregnancy Medical Home)

*The SFY 2022 fiscal impact amount is for the month of January 2022 based on the current published projected Public Health Emergency end-date as of the date of this notice.

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments, and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below.

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