



PHP Contracts - Federally Qualified Health Center Update

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Provider Contract Templates – Payment Provisions

- **PHP Contract Section VII – Attachment G.1.g. requires templates to contain a provider payment provision that describes the methodology to be used as a basis for payment to the provider.**
- **The Department interprets this provision to require the PHP to include specific statements relating to payment for certain provider types as found in PHP Contract Section V.D.4. as applicable.**
 - **This includes specific provisions relating to or explaining:**
 - **Rate floors** **Rate Methodologies**
 - **Rate schedules** **AUDP***
- **PHPs were to compare all currently approved or pending provider contract templates against PHP Contract Sections V.D.4.d. through p. (FQHC’s subsection is V.D.4.g.) and make all necessary changes to templates to include the appropriate required provision(s).**

*Additional, utilization-based directed payments

FQHC Payment Provisions from PHP Contract

- **g. Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)/Rural Health Centers (RHCs) Payments**
 - i. The PHP shall reimburse FQHCs and RHCs for covered services at no less than the following rates:**
 - a) All ancillary services (i.e. radiology, etc.) shall be based on the North Carolina Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule.**
 - b) All core services shall be based on each FQHC or RHC's respective North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule, which is defined as each FQHC or RHC's respective core rate or T-1015 code.**

~per Section V.D.4.g.i. as amended in Amendment 1.

Review of PHP Provider Contract Templates for FQHC Related Payment Provisions

PHP	Approach to FQHC Contracting	Ancillary Covered Services	Core Covered Services
AmeriHealth Caritas	Submitted general participating provider agreement with special provisions relating to FQHCs, including a compensation provision.	Currently working with PHP to update agreement as DHB requested; currently has compensation provision which is not sufficient.	
BCBSNC/Healthy Blue	According to Healthy Blue, FQHCs are being provided with a customized agreement based off of BCNC Healthy Blue's State approved template provider agreement.	Currently working with PHP to update agreement as DHB requested; currently has very generic compensation provision;	
Carolina Complete Health	Submitted general participating provider agreement with special provisions relating to FQHCs, including a compensation provision.	Currently working with PHP to update agreement as DHB requested; provision was not compliant with PHP Contract Amendment 1, although it is FQHC specific.	
United Healthcare	Specific contract for use with FQHCs including a regulatory amendment to bring into compliance with State requirements; compensation is not specific.	Currently working with PHP to update agreement as DHB requested; currently has general provision to compliance with the State Contract (PHP Contract) which is not sufficient.	
Well Care	Specific contract and payment provisions for FQHC; addressed both ancillary and core services and related compensation levels.	PHP specifically addressed	PHP specifically addressed

Contracting as reported* by PHPs

of FQHCs by PHP Region

PHP	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Regions 4	Region 5	Region 6
AmeriHealth Caritas	2	2	12	32	13	8
BCBSNC/Healthy Blue	0	4	1	7	2	8
Carolina Complete Health			17		11	
United Healthcare	0	2	0	15	15	4
WellCare	0	2	11	0	3	4

* As reported on 8/22/19

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