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Independent Rural Health Clinic (IRHC) Reimbursement

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The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is making changes in the process of posting the Independent Rural Health Clinic (IRHC) Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List on our website. The MHD is also changing the process of calculating the health plan payments used to determine the Supplemental Managed Care Interim Payments (Interim Payments) and Final Settlements. Please see below for further details.

IRHC Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List

The MHD currently prepares the IRHC Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List that is posted on our website based on the most recent Medicare rate letter. The initial rates are posted on March 1 and updated rates are posted on September 1.

Starting with calendar year 2020, the MHD will prepare the IRHC Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List **using the Rural Health Clinic All-Inclusive Rate Payment Limit as reported on CMS' Medicare Learning Network** for all IRHCs unless an IRHC requests that the MHD use a lower interim rate based on a Medicare rate letter. The MHD will post the new IRHC Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List on our website on the first day of each new calendar year, beginning January 1, 2020, and will post an updated rate list on March 1 of each year. The IRHC Medicare/Medicaid Interim Rate List is located at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/independent-rural-health-clinic-interim-rate-list.htm>

Managed Care health plans will continue to pay 90% of rates as required through their contracts with the state. Providers should consult the terms of their contracts with the health plans to determine when the 90% of the rate posted on the MHD website on January 1 of each year will be paid.

IRHC Final Settlement

The MHD currently calculates health plan payments at 90% of the IRHC's Medicare/Medicaid rate when determining an Interim Payment and a Final Settlement rather than using the actual health plan payment. Beginning with Interim Payments and Final Settlements completed after September 1, 2019, the MHD will use the actual health plan payments.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896