



Medicaid Guidance for Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and School Based Health Centers

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Objectives

- Provide guidance and resources for resolving and escalating issues
- Provide a brief overview of the rate setting process
- Provide a brief overview on the use of modifiers and Telehealth/Telemedicine services in FQHC/RHC setting
- Review recent FQHC/RHC policy updates

MEDICAID INITIAL RATE SETTING OVERVIEW

- FQHC initial rates are based on the Medicaid Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) Prospective Payment System (PPS) per-visit rate set in 2001. The PPS rate increases annual on July 1 based on the Medicare economic index set by CMS. The current average rate is \$ 152.13
- RHC initial rates are determined through a comparison to other RHCs in the same town/city/parish. The scope of services shall be considered in determining which proximate RHC most closely approximates the new provider. The current Independent RHC (87) rates range between \$84.78 to \$171.36. The current Provider-based RHC (79) rates range between \$93.28 to \$407.77.

MEDICAID INITIAL RATE SETTING OVERVIEW

- The rate setting process takes approximately three weeks from the date a complete application is received by Gainwell Technologies' Provider Enrollment unit.
- All practitioners in the clinic must be Medicaid enrolled and linked to the RHC/FQHC in order to bill.
- After enrollment with Medicaid, the provider must enroll with each managed care entity in order to bill for services and receive the prospective payment system rate as reimbursement.

BILLING MODIFIERS

- Common Modifiers for FQHC/RHC Billing:
 - TH- Obstetrical services
 - 95 - Telehealth services
 - EP - EPSDT Services

Note: Each FQHC/RHC detailed claim line must be billed based on the policy for that particular service. If the procedure code requires a modifier in the applicable provider manual, a modifier should be submitted on the service detailed line for the claim.

TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH

- Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers are required to indicate the appropriate place of service, either 02 (other than home) or 10 (home), based on the beneficiary's location at the time of service and append modifier 95 for the billing of services.
- [Informational Bulletin 20-1](#)

RESOURCES FOR PROVIDER UPDATES/GUIDANCE

- Louisiana Medicaid Notices and Public Comments [CLICK HERE](#)
- Providers may enroll to receive notification of new provider updates and guidance via Healthy Louisiana site. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Provider notices can also be on the Louisiana Medicaid Website [CLICK HERE](#)
- Recent FQHC/RHC Informational Bulletins [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Community Health Worker Services [IB 22-21](#)
 - COVID-19 Monoclonal Treatment [IB 22-14](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ISSUES

TOPIC	CONTACT
Medicaid services Chart	https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/Making_Medicaid_Better/Medicaid_Services_Chart.pdf
Provider Claim Issue Resolution including MCOs and Gainwell Technologies	https://ldh.la.gov/page/3714
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SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS (SBHCS)



ADOLESCENT SCHOOL HEALTH INITIATIVE

R.S. 40:31.3

- Enacted in 1991 under Governor Buddy Roemer.
- Authorized OPH to facilitate and encourage the development of comprehensive health centers in public middle and secondary schools.
- Health centers to provide preventive health services, counseling, acute health services, and appropriate referral for acute health services.
- Prohibits
 - (1) Counseling or advocating abortion in any way or referring any student to any organization for counseling or advocating abortion.
 - (2) Distributing at any public school any contraceptive or abortifacient drug, device, or other similar product.

SBHC OVERVIEW

- 57 SBHCs affiliated with the Office of Public Health
- 20 Sponsoring Agencies
- Sponsors contract with Louisiana Clinical Services to receive funds
- Contracts are monitored by the Adolescent School Health Program located in the Bureau of Family Health
- Provider Type 38

TYPES OF SPONSORS FOR SBHCS

- FQHCs
- Hospitals
- School Boards
- Foundations
- Pediatric Department

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Contract Compliance
- Human Resource Activities
- Clinical Operations
- Evidenced-Based Practices
- Collaboration
- Sustainability

QUESTIONS?



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