



Practitioner Reimbursement Rates for 2010

To: HPM Providers
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Re: Practitioner Reimbursement Rates for 2010

On December 8, 2009 Michigan's Department of Community Health (MDCH) released Bulletin MSA 09-62 "Public Act 131 of 2009 Medicaid Provider Rate Reductions". This bulletin announced the reduction of the Michigan Medicaid Fee Screen for Medicaid providers by an additional 4%. MDCH has reduced the reimbursement rate to Medicaid providers a total of 8% in 2009; including 4% reduction that took effect on July 1, 2009 plus an additional reduction of 4% that took effect on October 1, 2009.

In these tough economic times with growing unemployment and an increasing Medicaid population, Health Plan of Michigan has decided not to pass this burden on to our contracted Primary Care and Specialist Practitioners. **As your partner, HPM will reimburse in-network practitioners that have an open panel and are accepting new members at 108% of current Michigan Medicaid Fee Screens beginning January 1, 2010.** All practitioners with a closed panel and/or not accepting new members will be reimbursed according to current Medicaid Fee Screens. Open panels and accepting of new members will be verified on the first of each month for all services provided within the month.

All out-of-network providers and contracted non-practitioners will be reimbursed at 100% of the current Michigan Medicaid Fee Screens.

Based on changes to the Michigan Medicaid covered benefits, HPM has also revised the benefits available to our adult members. **Effective February 15, 2010 HPM members 21 and over will no longer receive chiropractic services as a covered benefit. Vision care benefits will now include 1 eye exam and 1 pair of glasses every 2 years. There will be no change to the podiatry and hearing aid benefits, as these will continue to be covered.** Additionally, there will be no change in benefits for HPM members under the age of 21.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Health Plan of Michigan's Provider Services Department at (888) 773-2647. Thank you for your continued support and service.