

**September 26, 2013**

# **Montana Health Care Programs Notice**

## **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)**

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**Effective October 1, 2013**

## **Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) Vaccination Billing Changes**

Effective October 1, 2010, HMK began reimbursing each FQHC and RHC using the Medicaid Outpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS). Under the PPS, providers are reimbursed at the same visit rate as the HMK *Plus* program (formerly Children's Medicaid). However, providers receive vaccine at no cost from the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for HMK *Plus*-eligible children, but the clinic must purchase the vaccine for HMK-eligible children since they are not eligible for VFC vaccines.

In order to address the payment gap for HMK children receiving vaccines in FQHC and RHC facilities, HMK has updated their vaccine reimbursement process allowing facilities to be reimbursed for both vaccines and administration fees. Effective October 1, 2013, claims from FQHCs and RHCs for vaccines and administration fees (if eligible) provided to HMK members are now paid in the following manner:

- HMK vaccine claims should be billed in conjunction with FQHC and RHC office visit claims on a UB-04. Vaccine CPT codes should be listed on a separate line using revenue code 636. Vaccine administration fees should be billed on a line using revenue code 771. When billed in conjunction with an office visit, administration fees will bundle and pay at zero.
- Administration fees for non-office visit vaccinations should also be submitted to Xerox on a UB-04 using the above instructions. Administration fees will be paid according to the Medicaid physician fee schedule.
- Vaccine claims covering dates of service prior to October 1, 2013, should be submitted to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT) on a CMS-1500. See "HMK Updates Vaccine Reimbursement for FQHCs and RHCs" published in the October 2011 edition of the *Claim Jumper*.

***Example A:** Mary is an enrolled HMK member and the only service she receives is a vaccination from a nurse at a FQHC/RHC. The vaccine and administration fee are billed to Xerox on a UB-04. The provider will be reimbursed for both vaccines and administration fees but will not be paid the PPS visit fee.*

***Example B:** Tony is an enrolled HMK member, and during an FQHC/RHC office visit for a well-child check-up with a mid-level provider, he also receives a vaccination. The office visit and vaccinations are billed to Xerox on a UB-04 and reimbursed through the PPS formula. Only the vaccine and the office visit are reimbursed as the administration fees bundle into the PPS visit fee.*

## **Contact Information**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406.442.1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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