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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

School-Based Services

New FMAP Rate Reflects Changes to Reimbursement on the Fee Schedule

Effective October 1, 2008

As a reminder, effective October 1, 2008, the federal matching assistance percentage (FMAP) rate was changed from 68.53% to 68.04%. The FMAP must price based on the payment date for your claims rather than pricing by the date of service.

The school-based services fee schedule is published utilizing the established RBRVS fee and the Department's Medicaid fee. Therefore, when you are reviewing the fee schedule, you would take the published fee for schools and multiply by the appropriate FMAP rate that was in effect during the time your claim was priced within our system.

For your information, the FMAP rates are adjusted annually and coincide with the Federal Fiscal Year, from October through September. These changes are published in the Federal Register and are put into effect every October. FMAP rates can be accessed through the following website <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/fmap.htm>.

Contact Information

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