

June 23, 2010

# Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

**Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Podiatrists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Audiologists, Optometrists, Opticians, Public Health Clinics, Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Dentists providing medical services, Laboratory and X-ray services, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTF), School Based Services, QMB and EPSDT Chiropractors, Family Planning Clinics, and Anesthesia Services**

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## Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) Information

Effective July 1, 2010

### GPCI

The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule prepared by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and published November 25, 2009, is adopted by Montana's Medicaid program July 1, 2010. The Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCI) is a component of the physician fee schedule and is used to adjust reimbursement rates to take into account regional and practice-specific factors. There are separate GPCIs for physician work, practice expense and malpractice.

The GPCIs in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule published November 25, 2009 specific to Montana are: Work 0.950; Practice Expense 0.847 and Malpractice 0.673. These are the GPCIs adopted by Montana Medicaid for RBRVS providers for state fiscal year 2011. Medicare subsequently amended the Work GPCI to 1.0 and the Practice Expense GPCI to 0.924. Montana Medicaid has not adopted these amended GPCIs.

### CONVERSION FACTORS

Despite the state's revenue shortfall, the Department is holding Medicaid providers' reimbursement rates constant at SFY 2010 levels. Therefore, the conversion factors for SFY 2011 will remain at SFY 2010 levels. They are: physician services \$40.09; allied services \$30.39; and anesthesia services \$27.55. Due to relative

value unit (RVU) decreases specific to mental health services, the conversion factor for mental health services will increase from \$24.26 to \$25.45 to maintain reimbursement at SFY 2010 levels. Although reimbursement rates will remain constant, individual codes may increase or decrease due to RVU or GPCI changes specific to the code.

## **Contact Information**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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