

Increased Reimbursement in CCHAP-affiliated Practices For Medicaid Patients

Starting this month, CCHAP-affiliated practices will be able to add a special modifier code to their preventive visit codes and receive a dramatic increase in reimbursement.

As you know CCHAP is a non-profit organization that offers 12 support services to enable private pediatric practices to provide a medical home for Medicaid and CHP+ children. Colorado Medicaid is partnering with CCHAP-affiliated practices to conduct a demonstration program which:

- **Increases Medicaid reimbursements rates for preventive care** visits to CCHAP-affiliated practices.
- Collects quality of care data and cost data to determine the degree to which additional monetary increases can be made available in the future to CCHAP-affiliated practices, as well as other practices statewide.

The details of the demonstration program has been shared with CCHAP-affiliated practice managers. The higher reimbursement, when combined with appropriate billing for other preventive activities (injections, developmental screening, hearing and vision screening) will bring Medicaid reimbursement for preventive care up to the level of reimbursement from commercial payers. [See the next article]

The data from the demonstration program will be evaluated at 6, 9 and 12 months to determine the future rates that state Medicaid will pay the CCHAP affiliated practices. State Medicaid will be tracking the immunization rates, the rate of preventive care visits, emergency department visit rates (risk adjusted), and cost of care (risk adjusted). When these parameters were tracked in our pilot program, private pediatric practices had very impressive results.