

Compare: Reimbursement for Medicaid Versus Commercial Health Insurance Versus Office Expenses

This table compares Medicaid reimbursement for common pediatric visit and procedure codes with the average reimbursement from commercial health insurance companies for the codes. This table was developed with Colorado data provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the pediatric practices that work with CCHAP. The table also compares Medicaid reimbursement with Medicare reimbursement for the same codes. We opted to make this comparison, because for many codes 100% of Medicare rates roughly equals the actual, total direct and indirect expenses incurred by the average Denver metro pediatric practice as it provides the service for that code. One exception is the Medicare rate for 99213, intermediate office visit for established patient, which is still at 70% of total expenses.

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), which oversees state Medicaid, with input from the Colorado Chapter of the AAP and other provider organizations, decided in July, 2006 to use the 2-3% increase they received to provide dramatic increases in certain commonly used primary care codes (like those for preventive care visits for infants and young children and for some office visits for established patients). The gave good increases for some codes instead of small increases for all codes. Also, note in the table the good reimbursement for developmental screening (an article on this topic will appear in our February newsletter) and for completing an individual care plan (see the article in our November newsletter).

Code	Service	Medicaid Payment	Medicare Payment	Medicaid % of Medicare	Average Commercial Ins. Payment	Medicaid % of Commercial
Preventative Medicine Services						
99381	New patient, under 1 year	\$55.05	\$101.52	54%	\$124.00	44%
99382	New patient, 1 - 4 years	\$55.05	\$109.35	50%	\$131.22	42%
99983	New patient, 5-11 years	\$55.05	\$107.13	51%	\$129.12	43%
99384	New patient, 12-17 years	\$55.05	\$116.38	47%	\$143.00	38%
99385	New patient, 18-39 years	\$55.05	\$116.38	47%	\$140.00	39%
99391	Established patient, under 1 year	\$69.02	\$77.09	90%	\$97.00	71%
99392	Established patient, 1-4 years	\$77.31	\$86.34	90%	\$107.93	72%
99393	Established patient, 5-11 years	\$40.15	\$85.23	47%	\$106.53	38%
99394	Established patient, 12-17 years	\$40.15	\$94.17	43%	\$117.71	34%
99395	Established patient, 18-39 years	\$40.15	\$95.25	42%	\$119.10	34%
99401	Individual counseling, 15 min	\$9.02	\$43.95	21%	\$43.86	21%
99402	Individual counseling, 30 min	\$12.01	\$69.43	17%	\$32.00	38%
92551	Screening test, hearing evaluation	\$10.64	NIS		\$13.00	82%
99173	Screening test, visual acuity	\$10.18	NIS		\$11.00	93%
996110	Developmental screening	\$34.32	\$12.56	273%	\$16.00	215%
multiple	Immunization administration (injection)	\$6.50			NA	
Office and Other Outpatient Services						
99201	New patient, office visit	\$24.78	\$35.93	69%	\$44.77	55%
99202	New patient, expanded office visit	\$47.43	\$63.96	74%	\$77.00	62%
99203	New patient, low complexity	\$83.29	\$94.95	88%	\$109.40	76%
99204	New patient, moderate complexity	\$117.74	\$134.28	88%	\$155.92	76%
99205	New patient, high complexity	\$124.54	\$170.65	73%	\$198.92	63%
99211	Established patient, office visit	\$12.18	\$21.10	58%	\$25.00	49%
99212	Established patient, expanded office visit	\$32.82	\$37.42	88%	\$45.00	73%
99213	Established patient, low complexity	\$45.17	\$52.17	87%	\$63.00	72%
99214	Established patient, moderate complexity	\$71.46	\$81.49	88%	\$97.79	73%
99215	Established patient, high complexity	\$103.60	\$118.17	88%	\$138.24	75%
92567	Tympanometry, hearing evaluation	\$8.68	\$21.10	41%	\$24.67	35%
99215	Individual Care Plan	\$103.60	\$118.17		\$138.24	
99374	Care plan oversight <30minutes/month	NC	\$68.53		\$72.10	
99375	Care plan oversight >30minutes/month	NC	\$124.30		\$88.73	

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http://www.chcpf.state.co.us/ACS/Pdf_Bin/Immunizations_B0600222.pdf

2007 Practitioner HCPCS

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