

In order to establish the rates for teaching physicians, the rates paid by the top five commercial insurance companies in Alabama were obtained. The State calculated the average commercial rate for each procedure code and determined the total expenditures the State would have made during a twelve-month period using the average rates. Then the State calculated total expenditures the State would have made during the same period using rates equal to 134.5% of Medicare rates. Since total expenditures using 134.5% of Medicare were less than the expenditures using the average commercial rates, the State will pay enhanced rates equal to 134.5% of Medicare to teaching physicians. Calculated reimbursement rates for all numeric procedure codes will be rounded to the nearest dollar. Rates for procedure codes starting with an alphabetic character will be rounded to the nearest penny. Procedure codes not recognized by Medicare are ineligible for the enhanced payment.

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b. For Medicare crossover claims, refer to item 19 in this attachment.

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c. Medicaid recipients are required to pay and providers are required to collect designated copayments for services, supplies, appliances, and equipment, except for the designated exemptions. The allowable copayment amount shall be credited against the Medicaid payment to the providers according to the copayment table in Attachment 4.18-A. Designated exemptions include services provided for pregnancy, nursing home residents, inpatient hospital visits, recipients under 18 years of age, emergencies, surgery fees, physical therapy, and family planning.

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d. Payment to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists will not exceed 85% of the maximum allowable rate paid to physicians for providing the same service.

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e. Payment to physician-employed Physician Assistants and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners will not exceed 85% of the maximum allowable rate paid to physicians for providing the same service except for injectables and laboratory procedure. Injectable and Laboratory procedures are reimbursed at 100% of the amount paid to physicians.

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f. Pharmacists, employed by pharmacies participating in the Alabama Medicaid program, (1) are reimbursed a vaccine administration fee established at the same rate paid to physicians. The Agency's rate for vaccine administration was set as of January 1, 1999, and is effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published on the Agency's website. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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(2) may be reimbursed a \$10.00 professional service fee at the point of sale for each 90-day supply dispensed and for each qualifying prescription that is dispensed utilizing tablet splitting.