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## Rate Changes for the Primary Care Physicians (PCP) Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2014

As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a rate increase for certain Primary Care Physicians (PCP) and their associated subspecialties. This increased rate became effective January 1, 2013, and runs through December 31, 2014.

As outlined in the State Plan, the rates for the PCP increase are established using the Medicare physician fee schedule rates in effect in calendar years 2013 and 2014. The Medicare fee schedules are established annually and the changes Medicare has made for 2014 will impact the rates being used for the PCP rate increase for calendar year 2014.

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has adjusted the rates for the PCP rate increase, which may be found on the DHCFP Rates and Cost Containment website under **“Increased Payment for Certain Primary Care Physicians for Calendar Year 2013 and 2014 as Part of the Affordable Care Act.”**

The website address is: <https://dhcfc.nv.gov/RatesUnit.htm?Accept>

**Codes/Services that qualify for the enhanced rate** (as designated in HCPCs) are:

1. Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes 99201 through 99499.
2. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473 and 90474, or their successor code.

***Please note: The codes and provider specialties affected are subject to change if CMS issues further instruction. Additionally, CMS has ruled that if the service/code is not currently covered by Medicaid, that Medicaid is not required to now cover the service.***

### **Who to contact?**

For questions regarding the PCP rate increase program, you may contact Rebecca Vernon-Ritter with the DHCFP Rates and Cost Containment Unit at (775) 684-3645 or you may call the main number at (775) 684-3763.