

Reimbursement Rate Reductions Will Be Implemented for Some CSHCN Services Program Providers

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Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, reimbursement rate reductions will be implemented for some Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) providers in accordance with the spending reduction plan that was part of H.B. 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

The following providers are affected by these rate reductions:

- Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) and outpatient rehabilitation facility (ORF)
- Licensed dietician
- Physical therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Pharmacy

Important: Beginning September 1, 2011, the Online Fee Lookup (OFL) and static fee schedules will reflect these rate reductions. Providers can refer to the OFL after September 1, 2011, to verify the reimbursement rate after the reductions have been applied.

Therapy Services

A 7-percent rate reduction will be applied to therapy services rendered by CORF/ORF, licensed dietician, physical therapist, and occupational therapist providers excluding those rendered in the home setting. The rate reduction includes the current 2-percent rate reduction and an additional 5-percent rate reduction that will be implemented for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011.

The following table shows the affected therapy services:

Provider Type	Procedure Codes / Services to Receive the Reduction	Additional Percent Reduction	Total Percent Reduction Effective 9/1/2011
CORF/ORF	CORF/ORF therapy services	5%	7%
Licensed dietician	Licensed dietician services (other than the home setting)	5%	7%
Physical therapist	Physical therapy services (other than the home setting)	5%	7%
Occupational therapist	Physical medicine and rehabilitation services (other than the home setting)	5%	7%

Pharmacy Dispensing Fee

The pharmacy dispensing fee provides the base reimbursement to a pharmacy for the cost of dispensing a prescription and includes reimbursement for professional services

costs and overhead costs. Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011, the current reimbursement rate of \$7.35 will be reduced to \$6.50.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.