

Attestation Form Now Available for Qualified Primary Care Providers to Receive ACA Rate Increase

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This is an update to the article titled "[Primary Care Provider Rate Increase Update](#)," which was published on this website on December 20, 2012.

To qualify for the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) rate increase for primary care services, a physician must have a specialty designated of general internal medicine, family practice, or pediatrics and must attest to one of the following:

- The provider has a certification recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Board of Physician Specialties (AMPS), or American Optometric Association (AOA) and meets the requirements as required by federal and state regulation to receive the increased payment.
- The provider does not have a certification recognized by the ABMS, ABPS, or AOA, but at least 60 percent of the provider's Medicaid billings for the previous calendar year (or for the previous calendar month if the provider has been enrolled in Medicaid for less than one year) were for the evaluation and management (E/M) and vaccine administration procedure codes as published in the final federal and state regulations and the provider meets the requirement to receive payment.

Note: *New providers with no history of Medicaid billings can attest that 60 percent of their Medicaid billing will be for primary care services.*

Providers can attest using the [Texas Medicaid Attestation for ACA Primary Care Rate Increases](#) form. The form must be completed by individual providers.

The form must be completed, signed and returned by fax to (512) 302-5068, or by mail to:

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership
ATTN: Provider Enrollment
PO Box 200795
Austin, TX 78720-0795

Group providers may not submit the form using their group Texas Provider Identifier (TPI). Each member of the group must complete the form using their performing provider TPI to attest that they are eligible to receive the increased reimbursement.

Facility providers may not submit the form using their facility TPI. Eligible providers who are employed by the facility must complete the form using their individual TPI to attest that they are eligible to receive the increased reimbursement.

Providers that have been issued a TPI with multiple suffixes must submit a separate form for each eligible suffix in order to receive the increased reimbursement for each enrolled practice location, Tax Identification Number, etc.

Important: *By signing the form, providers attest that they qualify for the rate increase, and that the increase will be applied to paid claims for primary care services on or after the effective date. Payment of the rate increase may be subject to retrospective review and recoupment if it is determined at a later time that the provider did not qualify for the ACA primary care services rate increase. Federal regulations require states to conduct an annual audit of provider attestations.*

Providers will not immediately see the increased payment on their Remittance and Status (R&S) reports. The increased rates will be applied retroactively. The state is working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to get federal approval for the state's plan to increase primary care rates. HHSC will continue to keep providers informed of the process and timeline as information becomes available.

Non-physician Practitioners

Non-physician practitioners who are under the supervision of a provider who has self-attested, are not required to submit a separate provider attestation form. Increased payment may be available to the supervising physician when the following conditions are met:

- The non-physician practitioner renders services under the personal supervision of a provider who has self-attested to meeting the requirements.
- Services are billed under the qualifying provider's provider identification number.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.