

Article - Health - General

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[(e) (1) At least quarterly, the Department shall pay to a federally qualified health center the difference between the payment received by the center from a managed care organization for services provided to enrollees of the managed care organization and, as determined in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, the reasonable cost to the center in providing those services.

(2) (i) The reasonable cost to a federally qualified health center in providing services to enrollees shall be a prospective rate that the Department, in consultation with federally qualified health centers, establishes by regulation.

(ii) Each federally qualified health center shall provide the Department with its enrollment data, encounter data, and cost reports to assist the Department in calculating:

1. The reasonable cost of providing services to enrollees; and
2. The difference between the payment received by the center from a managed care organization and the reasonable cost to the center in providing the services.

(3) (i) At the request of a federally qualified health center, the Department shall review the payments made to the center by a Medicaid managed care organization that has a contractual arrangement with the center to determine the difference between the payments made to the center and the reasonable cost to the center as determined in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection in providing services to enrollees of the managed care organization.

(ii) A federally qualified health center may make a request at any time for the Department to review the payments made to the center by a Medicaid managed care organization that has a contractual arrangement with the center.

(iii) The effective date for adjustments made in response to a request by a federally qualified health center shall be:

1. The date the Department receives the request; or
2. If the request is prompted by a change in the reimbursement practices of a Medicaid managed care organization, the date the managed care organization changed its reimbursement to the center, except that an adjustment under this item may not be retroactive more than 120 days.

(iv) If a managed care organization payment to a center is less than the center's reasonable cost, as determined in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall set aside a portion of the capitation payment to the managed care organization for a supplemental payment to the center, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4) In carrying out the payment requirements of this subsection, the Department: