



Targeted Rate Increase Recommendations

Option: Increase Reimbursement Rates for High-Value Specialist Services

Rationale: Department analysis reveals that reimbursement rates for some specialty care are significantly lower than Medicare reimbursement rates. The analysis reveals Medicaid reimbursement rates for individual codes range from 3 to 99 percent of Medicare rates and 21 to 94 percent of Medicare rates for aggregated codes by specialties. Targeted increases for certain, high-value specialty care may serve to increase specialty care access for clients and result in better health outcomes. The Department recommends the following list of codes—which are currently reimbursed at 65% of Medicare rates or below—be increased to 80% of Medicare rates and requests stakeholder input on how best to target the increases.

Projected Total Impact: \$11,312,434.52

Federal Authority: (SPA or Waiver required?) No

Timeline: The minor systems changes that are required can be implemented quickly.

List of Potential Codes to Increase

Procedure Code	Description	CO Medicaid Fee as % of Medicare Fee
92002	EYE EXAM, NEW PATIENT	23%
92004	EYE EXAM, NEW PATIENT	18%
92012	EYE EXAM ESTABLISHED PAT	21%
92014	EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	21%
92018	NEW EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	18%
92019	EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	32%
92020	SPECIAL EYE EVALUATION	52%
92060	SPECIAL EYE EVALUATION	39%
92502	EAR AND THROAT EXAMINATION	22%



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92506** see endnote	SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	14%
92521	SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	14%
92522	SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	14%
92523	SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	14%
92524	SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	14%
92511	NASOPHARYNGOSCOPY	28%
92520	LARYNGEAL FUNCTION STUDIES	77%
92545	OSCILLATING TRACKING TEST	17%
92553	AUDIOMETRY, AIR & BONE	33%
92555	SPEECH THRESHOLD AUDIOMETRY	27%
92556	SPEECH AUDIOMETRY, COMPLETE	34%
92563	TONE DECAY HEARING TEST	16%
92565	STENGER TEST, PURE TONE	30%
92567	TYMPANOMETRY	57%
92579	VISUAL AUDIOMETRY (VRA)	42%
92585	AUDITOR EVOKE POTENT, COMPRE	65%
92601	COCHLEAR IMPLT F/UP EXAM < 7	65%
92607	EX FOR SPEECH DEVICE RX, 1HR	60%
92609	USE OF SPEECH DEVICE SERVICE	39%
92625	TINNITUS ASSESSMENT	43%
93922	EXTREMITY STUDY	43%
93923	EXTREMITY STUDY	53%
93924	EXTREMITY STUDY	46%
93925	LOWER EXTREMITY STUDY	41%
93926	LOWER EXTREMITY STUDY	63%
93930	UPPER EXTREMITY STUDY	42%
93931	UPPER EXTREMITY STUDY	48%
93965	EXTREMITY STUDY	37%
93970	EXTREMITY STUDY	31%
93975	VASCULAR STUDY	38%
93976	VASCULAR STUDY	51%
93978	VASCULAR STUDY	46%
93979	VASCULAR STUDY	47%
93990	DOPPLER FLOW TESTING	33%
95812	EEG, 41-60 MINUTES	16%

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95813	EEG, OVER 1 HOUR	17%
95873	GUIDE NERV DESTR, ELEC STIM	24%
95874	GUIDE NERV DESTR, NEEDLE EMG	25%
95928	C MOTOR EVOKED, UPPR LIMBS	39%
95929	C MOTOR EVOKED, LWR LIMBS	41%
95953	EEG MONITORING/COMPUTER	57%
95954	EEG MONITORING/GIVING DRUGS	24%
95956	EEG MONITORING, CABLE/RADIO	16%
95958	EEG MONITORING/FUNCTION TEST	25%
96111	DEVELOPMENTAL TEST, EXTEND	76%
96440	CHEMOTHERAPY, INTRACAVITARY	3%
96450	CHEMOTHERAPY, INTO CNS	16%
97001	PT EVALUATION	46%
97002	PT RE-EVALUATION	55%
97003	OT EVALUATION	41%
97004	OT RE-EVALUATION	43%
97597	ACTIVE WOUND CARE/20 CM OR <	41%
G0365	VESSEL MAPPING HEMODIALYSIS ACSS	60%
G0389	ULTRASOUND EXAM AAA SCREEN	65%
**	92506 is no longer valid and has been replaced by codes 92521-24	

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