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FQHCs Alternative Payment Model

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business.

What you need to know:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has developed a new Alternative Payment Model (APM) under the CalAIM initiative for participating Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

The APM relies upon base-year FQHC utilization data and managed care membership data to provide payments on a per-member-per-month (PMPM) basis. FQHCs will be paid a PMPM rate for all assigned members from each contracted managed care plan (MCP). The FQHC APM Overview guarantees that FQHCs will receive, at minimum, their projected prospective payment systems (PPS) rate in addition to traditional visits. Through this model, FQHCs can reduce traditional (billable) visits and increase alternative services (not billable) without impacting revenue.

FQHCs will be paid PMPM, regardless of whether a member received services in a particular month. The APM will adjust for data quality and unassigned member outlier claims. MHC will remit the APM rates provided by DHCS to participating FQHCs.

When this is happening:

Effective **July 1, 2024**, any FQHC APM Cohort 1A participant providing care for an MHC member, regardless of whether a contract with the APM-participating FQHC was established, will receive APM PMPM payments from MHC. Cohort 1B will be added to the APM on **January 1, 2025**. Any additional FQHCs will be added on **January 1, 2026**, and subsequently every 12 months.

Provider Action

Participation in the APM is voluntary. FQHCs may apply for selection or opt out annually.

IPAs must ensure that encounters received from APM-participating FQHCs are neither denied nor rejected. IPAs should not pay participating FQHCs; encounters should be forwarded to MHC for payment.

To learn more about APM, please reference the resources below:

- FQHC APM Overview:
dhcs.ca.gov/services/Documents/DirectedPymts/FQHC-APM-September-2022-Overview.pdf
- FQHC APM Background:
dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/FQHC-APM.aspx

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