



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

New Hampshire Medicaid Program

To: All NH Medicaid Enrolled Medicaid to Schools Providers
From: Division of Medicaid Services
Date: July 23, 2020
Subject: NH Medicaid to Schools Notice of Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
CMS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

Background:

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has resulted in a growing need for Medicaid coverage and services. In response to increased demand for Medicaid, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provides all states and territories with a temporary 6.2 percentage-point increase in Medicaid's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). The increase applies to claims paid on or after January 1, 2020 and will extend through the last day of the quarter in which the federal public health emergency (PHE), declared by the US Secretary of Health and Human Services, ends.

What is timeframe for which the FMAP increase is available?

The increased FMAP is available for qualifying Medicaid to Schools expenditures that were paid on or after January 1, 2020, and through the end of the last day of the calendar quarter in which the public health emergency ends.

Currently, the last day of the calendar quarter in which the public health emergency ends is September 30, 2020. If this date changes, an update will be sent out.

Claims eligible for the increased FMAP must have dates of service within the NH Medicaid to Schools timely filing period, which includes any dates of service from June 1, 2019 and forward.

What does this mean for School Districts?

Currently School Districts are reimbursed 50% of the Federal share for Medicaid to Schools expenditures. As a result of the increased FMAP, School Districts will receive 56.2 % of the federal share for expenditures. This means that a service on the fee schedule that is paid at \$100 will be reimbursed to the schools for \$56.20 rather than the \$50 current fee.

Summary of dates:

Claims that were paid on or after January 1, 2020, with a date of service on or after June 1, 2019, will receive the increased FMAP. The increased FMAP will continue to be applied until the last day of the calendar quarter in which the PHE ends. Currently, that date is September 30, 2020.

How will this be applied to claims?

School Districts will not have to re-submit claims that have already been paid that are eligible for the increased FMAP. A guidance document will be forthcoming outlining the mechanics for how the increased FMAP will be applied and paid to eligible claims.

Can you give us a few examples?

- A claim with a date of service of May 15, 2019, that was paid on January 1, 2020, will not receive the increased FMAP, because the date of service is outside of the timely filing period.
- A claim with a date of service of June 15, 2019, that was paid on January 1, 2020, will receive the increased FMAP, because the date of service is within the timely filing period.
- A claim with a date of service of June 15, 2019, that was paid on July 15, 2020, will receive the increased FMAP.