



---

**Outpatient Hospital Billing Manual**

**Date: 7/23/2024**

**Version 6.05**

## Review and Revision History

Version #	Date	Description	Author
v1.00	07/16/2009	Outpatient Hospital Billing Manual	Curtis Brown
v2.00	10/20/2009	Revisions per comment log	Kisha Logan
V2.01	10/21/2010	Revisions per quarterly review	Shelia Dean
V2.02	10/21/2011	Updated DHCF address	Shelia Dean
V2.03	05/11/2012	Updated ACS and IMA name changes Added Payment Adjustment for Provider-Preventable Conditions in accordance with Transmittal #12-	Shelia Dean
V2.04	12/20/2012	Updated timely filing changes	Shelia Dean
V2.05	10/01/2013	Updated DHCF address	Shelia Dean
V2.06	01/21/2014	Updated prior authorization contact information	Shelia Dean
V2.07	02/04/2014	Added chemotherapy billing instructions	Shelia Dean
V2.08	04/17/2014	Added timely filing rules	Shelia Dean
V2.09	05/19/2014	Revised chemotherapy billing instructions	Shelia Dean
V2.10	06/10/2014	Added EAPG payment methodology	Shelia Dean
V3.00	07/02/2014	Add TPL reimbursement information	Shelia Dean
V3.01	08/12/2014	Updated EAPG payment methodology information	Shelia Dean
V3.02	10/07/2014	Corrected type of bill codes for adjustments and voids	Shelia Dean
V3.03	11/12/2014	Removed anesthesia billing instructions [Note: Refer to Physician Billing Manual for instructions].	Shelia Dean
V3.04	09/23/2015	Added ICD10 claim instructions	Shelia Dean
V3.05	12/14/2015	Updated Erroneous Surgical & OPPCS diagnosis codes to reflect ICD10	Shelia Dean
V3.06	01/20/2016	Added patient status code 21	Shelia Dean
V3.07	04/19/2016	Added adjustment reason code 132	Shelia Dean
V3.08	04/25/2016	Added claim form signature requirements for adjustments/voids	Shelia Dean
V3.09	07/12/2016	Added telemedicine service information per Transmittal #16-21	Shelia Dean
V4.00	10/10/2016	Added program integrity information per DHCF	Shelia Dean
V4.01	01/19/2017	Updated Xerox name change and provider enrollment contact information	Shelia Dean
V4.02	02/27/2017	Updated prior authorization instructions and 719A form	Shelia Dean
V4.03	06/12/2017	Added verbiage about black and white claim forms	Shelia Dean
V4.04	06/14/2017	Corrected timely filing rules for resubmitted claims	Shelia Dean
V4.05	01/16/2018	Updates per DCHF request	Shelia Dean
V4.06	01/29/2018	Updated 719A form and instructions	Shelia Dean
V4.07	02/23/2018	Removed Section 6.5 Authorized Signature	Nikole Ferguson
V4.08	07/22/2018	Updated EDI web address Updated prior authorization verbiage	Shelia Dean
V4.09	05/22/2019	Updated Qualis name change and contact information	Shelia Dean

V5.00	08/12/2019	Added medical abortion policy in accordance with Transmittal #19-18	Shelia Dean
V5.01	11/05/2019	Updated EAPG version	Shelia Dean
V5.02	09/14/2020	Updated telemedicine services according to "Notice of Final Rulemaking – Vol.67/No.34, August 14, 2020"	Shelia Dean
V5.03	09/24/2020	Added revisions per DHCF request	Shelia Dean
V5.04	03/18/2021	Corrected telephone for Department of Disability Services	Shelia Dean
V5.05	1/10/2022	Updated crossover pricing logic	Shelia Dean
V5.06	5/6/2022	Added verbiage on submitting claim refunds	Shelia Dean
V5.07	6/7/2022	Added definition for dual eligible	Shelia Dean
V5.08	8/24/2022	Added information regarding the revision of Hepatitis C treatment coverage policy according to Transmittal #22-25	Shelia Dean
V5.09	10/12/2022	Added doula benefit information according to Transmittal #22-34	Shelia Dean
V6.00	10/20/2022	Added revisions per DHCF request	Shelia Dean
V6.01	3/23/2023	Corrected adjustment/void instructions	Shelia Dean
V6.02	4/12/2023	Updated managed care organizations	Shelia Dean
V6.03	9/15/2023	Updated covered, noncovered services and provider types	Shelia Dean
V6.04	4/23/2024	Updated type of bill codes	Shelia Dean
V6.05	7/23/2024	Updated Amerigroup name change	Shelia Dean

## Table of Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>9</b>
1.1	PURPOSE OF THE MANUAL .....	9
1.2	POLICY .....	9
1.3	MAINTENANCE .....	9
1.4	DISTRIBUTION .....	9
1.5	ORGANIZATION .....	9
1.6	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE WEBSITE .....	9
1.7	WEB PORTAL .....	9
1.8	FISCAL AGENT .....	10
1.8.1	Telephone Contact .....	10
1.8.2	Mailing Contact Information .....	10
<b>2</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION .....</b>	<b>11</b>
2.1	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MEDICAID PROGRAM .....	11
2.2	LEGAL AUTHORITY .....	11
2.3	ADMINISTRATION .....	11
2.4	COVERED SERVICES .....	11
2.5	NON-COVERED SERVICES .....	12
2.6	INQUIRIES .....	12
<b>3</b>	<b>HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) HEALTHCARE REFORM .....</b>	<b>13</b>
3.1	HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE .....	13
3.1.1	HIE Services .....	13
3.1.2	Partnership with Department of Health .....	14
<b>4</b>	<b>DC MEDICAID MANAGED CARE .....</b>	<b>15</b>
4.1	PROGRAM OVERVIEW .....	15
4.2	PARTICIPANTS .....	16
4.3	PROVIDERS .....	16
4.4	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS .....	16
4.5	QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR DC MEDICAID MANAGED CARE .....	16
<b>5</b>	<b>PROVIDER PARTICIPATION INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>17</b>
5.1	PARTICIPATING PROVIDER .....	17
5.2	PROVIDER TYPES .....	17
5.3	PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS .....	17
5.3.1	District Providers .....	17
5.3.2	Out-of-District Providers .....	18
5.3.3	Group Practice Providers .....	18
5.3.4	Health Facilities .....	18
5.4	APPLICATION PROCEDURES .....	18
5.4.1	How Track the Status of Your Enrollment Application .....	19
5.4.2	Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "High Risk" .....	19
5.4.3	Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "Moderate Risk" .....	19
5.4.4	Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "Limited Risk" .....	20
5.4.5	Crossover Only Providers .....	20
5.4.6	Ordered or Prescribed Services .....	20
5.5	ENROLLMENT APPLICATION APPROVAL .....	20
<b>6</b>	<b>REGULATIONS .....</b>	<b>21</b>
6.1	BENEFICIARY FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF PROVIDERS .....	21
6.2	DISCRIMINATION .....	21
6.3	INTERRELATIONSHIP OF PROVIDERS .....	21

6.4	RECORD KEEPING.....	21
6.4.1	Medical Records.....	21
6.4.2	Cost Reporting.....	22
6.4.3	Fiscal Records.....	22
6.4.4	Disclosure of Information.....	23
6.4.5	Penalties for Non-Compliance.....	23
6.5	DIVISION OF PROGRAM INTEGRITY.....	23
6.6	UTILIZATION REVIEW.....	25
6.7	CONSEQUENCES OF MISUTILIZATION AND ABUSE.....	25
6.8	QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR DC MEDICAID MANAGED CARE.....	26
6.9	CONSEQUENCES OF FRAUD.....	26
6.10	REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.....	26
<b>7</b>	<b>LANGUAGE ACCESS.....</b>	<b>27</b>
7.1	LAWS AND REGULATIONS.....	27
7.2	COORDINATING TRANSLATION SERVICES.....	28
7.2.1	Interpreter/Communication Access Real-Time (CART) Services Request Form.....	28
<b>8</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.....</b>	<b>29</b>
8.1	RECOUPMENT.....	29
8.2	TERMINATION.....	29
8.2.1	Notification.....	29
8.2.2	Consequences of Termination.....	29
8.3	APPEAL PROCESS.....	30
8.4	REINSTATEMENT.....	30
8.4.1	Criteria for Reinstatement.....	30
<b>9</b>	<b>BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY.....</b>	<b>31</b>
9.1	ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.....	31
9.2	INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY.....	31
9.3	ELIGIBILITY IDENTIFICATION.....	32
9.3.1	Medical Assistance Card.....	32
9.3.2	Notice of Presumptive Eligibility.....	33
9.3.3	Office of the Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights.....	33
9.4	PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITY.....	34
9.4.1	Eligibility Verification.....	34
9.4.2	Third-Party Liability.....	34
9.4.3	Medicaid Beneficiary Restriction Program.....	34
9.4.4	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB).....	35
9.4.4.1	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program.....	35
9.4.4.2	Billing for Services Provided to QMB's.....	36
9.4.4.3	Balance Billing of QMBs is prohibited by Federal Law.....	36
<b>10</b>	<b>CLAIMS PROCESSING PROCEDURES.....</b>	<b>37</b>
10.1	RECEIVE AND RECORD.....	37
10.2	REVIEW.....	37
10.3	TRANSACTION CONTROL NUMBER.....	37
10.4	INPUT.....	38
10.5	EDITS.....	38
10.5.1	Approval Notification.....	39
10.5.2	Denied.....	39
10.5.3	Suspended.....	39
10.6	TIMELY FILING.....	40
<b>11</b>	<b>BILLING INFORMATION.....</b>	<b>41</b>
11.1	BILLING PROCEDURES.....	41

11.1.1	Form Availability .....	41
11.1.2	Procedure and Diagnosis Code Sources .....	41
11.2	ELECTRONIC BILLING .....	41
11.3	MEDICARE/MEDICAID CROSSOVER BILLING.....	41
11.4	MEDICARE COINSURANCE AND DEDUCTIBLES .....	42
11.5	RESUBMISSION OF DENIED CLAIMS.....	42
11.6	CLAIM APPEALS.....	42
<b>12</b>	<b>REIMBURSEMENT.....</b>	<b>44</b>
12.1	MAXIMUM FEES OR RATES .....	44
12.2	CHANGES IN FEES OR RATES .....	44
12.3	PAYMENT INQUIRIES .....	44
12.4	COORDINATION OF BENEFITS .....	44
12.4.1	Benefit Programs.....	44
12.4.2	Coordination of Payment.....	44
12.5	LEVIES.....	45
12.6	PAID-IN-FULL.....	45
12.7	METHOD OF PAYMENT .....	46
12.7.1	Reassignment.....	47
12.7.2	Business Agents.....	47
12.7.3	Employers.....	47
<b>13</b>	<b>MEDICAL REVIEW.....</b>	<b>48</b>
13.1	CONSENT FOR STERILIZATION .....	48
<b>14</b>	<b>PRIOR AUTHORIZATION .....</b>	<b>49</b>
14.1	WRITTEN REQUEST .....	49
14.2	VERBAL REQUEST .....	49
14.3	AUTHORIZATION WAIVER.....	49
14.4	AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES.....	49
14.5	DETERMINING MEDICAL NECESSITY .....	50
14.6	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION .....	50
14.7	COMPLETING THE UB04 CLAIM FORM.....	51
14.7.1	Electronic Billing .....	60
14.7.2	Private Room.....	60
14.7.3	Newborn Care.....	60
14.7.4	Newborn Birth Weight on UB04.....	61
14.8	BILLING FOR CHEMOTHERAPY RELATED SERVICES.....	61
14.9	MEDICARE COINSURANCE AND DEDUCTIBLES .....	61
<b>15</b>	<b>OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SPECIFIC BILLING INSTRUCTIONS.....</b>	<b>62</b>
15.1	ENHANCED AMBULATORY PATIENT GROUPS (EAPGs) GROUPER.....	62
15.1.1	Assigning and Paying EAPGs.....	62
15.1.2	EAPG Payment Calculations.....	62
15.1.3	EAPG Relative Weight Payment Calculations .....	63
15.1.4	Capped EAPG Payments.....	63
15.1.5	Payments for Radiology and Laboratory Services.....	63
15.1.6	Payments for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy .....	63
15.1.7	Dental Services Provided in Outpatient Hospital Setting .....	63
15.1.8	Observation Room Services.....	63
15.1.9	Partial Hospitalization.....	65
15.1.10	Medical Visits.....	65
15.1.11	Billing and Editing .....	66
15.1.12	EAPG Bundling/Packaging Methods .....	66
15.1.13	Modifiers that Impact EAPG Payment .....	67
15.2	PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR PROVIDER - PREVENTABLE CONDITIONS .....	69

15.3	HOSPITAL ACQUIRED CONDITIONS.....	69
15.4	ERRONEOUS SURGICAL AND OPPCS.....	70
15.5	PRESENT ON ADMISSION (POA) INDICATOR.....	71
15.6	MEDICAL ABORTIONS.....	71
15.7	DOULA BENEFIT, PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS AND ENROLLMENT, RATES AND REIMBURSEMENT STANDARDS.....	72
15.7.1	Scope of Services.....	72
15.7.2	Doula Provider Qualifications.....	72
15.7.3	Doula Enrollment.....	72
15.7.4	Doula Services Rates and Billing.....	73
15.7.4.1	Managed Care Rates and Utilization Management.....	73
15.7.5	Billing Medicaid for Doula Services.....	73
15.7.5.1	Fee for Service.....	73
15.7.5.2	Managed Care.....	73
15.8	TELEMEDICINE SERVICES.....	73
15.8.1	Telemedicine Service Model.....	74
15.8.2	Participant Eligibility.....	74
15.8.3	Provider Site Eligibility.....	74
15.8.4	Provider Reimbursement.....	75
15.8.5	Covered Services.....	75
15.8.6	Excluded Services.....	75
15.8.7	Eligible Distant Site Services under Telemedicine Coverage.....	75
15.9	HEPATITIS C TREATMENT COVERAGE POLICY.....	76
15.9.1	Background.....	76
15.9.2	New Policy.....	76
15.9.3	Prior Authorization.....	77
<b>16</b>	<b>REMITTANCE ADVICE.....</b>	<b>78</b>
16.1	INQUIRIES.....	87
16.2	INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADJUSTMENTS AND VOIDS.....	87
16.3	SUBMITTING CLAIM REFUNDS.....	89
	APPENDIX A: ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER DIRECTORY.....	91
	APPENDIX B: COMPLETING 719A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM.....	95
	APPENDIX C: SUBMITTING 719A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM.....	99
	APPENDIX D: IVR INSTRUCTIONS.....	102
	APPENDIX E: GLOSSARY.....	103

**Table of Tables**

Table 1:	Contact List.....	10
Table 2:	Crossover Pricing Logic.....	46
Table 3:	UB04 Claim Form Instructions.....	51
Table 4:	Remittance Advice Mailer Page Table.....	78
Table 5:	Remittance Advice Header Page Table.....	79
Table 6:	Remittance Advice Provider Messages Table.....	80
Table 7:	Remittance Advice Paid Claims Table.....	82
Table 8:	Remittance Advice Suspended Claims Table.....	85
Table 9:	Remittance Advice Provider Totals/Legend Table.....	86
Table 10:	Adjustment/Void Codes.....	89

**Table of Figures**

Figure 1:	Medical Assistance Card – Front Image.....	32
Figure 2:	Medical Assistance Card – Back Image.....	33

---

Figure 3: QMB Medical Assistance Card – Front Image .....	35
Figure 4: QMB Medical Assistance Card – Back Image .....	35
Figure 5: TCN Structure .....	38
Figure 6: Remittance Advice Mailer Page.....	78
Figure 7: Remittance Advice Header Page.....	79
Figure 8: Remittance Advice Provider Messages .....	80
Figure 9: Remittance Advice Paid Claims.....	81
Figure 10: Remittance Advice Adjustments .....	83
Figure 11: Remittance Advice Adjustments Table .....	83
Figure 12: Remittance Advice Suspended Claims .....	85
Figure 13: Remittance Advice Provider Totals/Legend .....	86
Figure 14: Adjustment Example .....	88
Figure 15: Void Example .....	88
Figure 16: Sample 719A Prior Authorization Form .....	98



# 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the District of Columbia Medicaid Provider Manual presents a general overview of the purpose and organization of the manual. Information about the maintenance and distribution of the manual is also included.

## 1.1 Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide a general overview and serve as a reference guide for healthcare providers who participate in the District of Columbia (DC) Medicaid Program. Please be advised that this is not intended to be a comprehensive documentation of policies and procedures. The procedures in this manual include specific instructions to file claims for reimbursement and document medical records.

## 1.2 Policy

Providers are responsible for adhering to the requirements set forth in this manual. The requirements are generated from Federal regulations and the interpretation of these regulations specific to the District and its policy.

## 1.3 Maintenance

Conduent will maintain this manual with information supplied by the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF). When a revision occurs, the updated manual will be available to the providers by Conduent via the Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com). It is the responsibility of the DC Medicaid provider to review the revisions to the manual and ensure that the policies and procedures are followed.

## 1.4 Distribution

This manual is available via the Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com) to all providers who participate in the DC Medicaid Program.

## 1.5 Organization

When a revision occurs to any part of this manual, the revised manual will be posted on the Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com). Notification of the updated manual will be indicated in the “What’s Hot” section of the Web Portal. Outdated copies of material should be discarded.

Other information that might be helpful when using this manual includes:

- “His” refers to both genders throughout the manual.
- Terms used throughout this manual are defined in Section 3.0-Glossary.
- Addresses and telephone numbers referenced throughout this manual are included in Appendix A (Address and Telephone Directory).

## 1.6 Department of Health Care Finance Website

To obtain additional Medicaid provider services information, please visit the DHCF Website at [www.dhcf.dc.gov](http://www.dhcf.dc.gov).

## 1.7 Web Portal

The DC Medicaid Web Portal is available to offer online assistance to providers on day-to-day issues. Some of the features included on the Web Portal are:

- Bi-monthly bulletins and transmittals
- Provider Type Specific Billing Tips

- Provider Type Specific FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Provider Type Specific Forms
- Provider Type Specific Policies
- Provider Training Modules and Computer Based Training (CBT)
- Latest News/What's Hot
- Online Claim and Prior Authorization submission
- Remittance Advice Retrieval
- Beneficiary Eligibility Verification

Access to the DC Web Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Bookmark the DC Web Portal address of [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com) in your browser Favorites the first time you visit the site so you can quickly return repeatedly.

## 1.8 Fiscal Agent

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) presently works in conjunction with a contracted fiscal agent, Conduent, to provide accurate and efficient claims processing and payment. In addition, both organizations work together to offer provider support to meet the needs of the District of Columbia's Medicaid community.

The fiscal agent consists of technical and program staff. Technical staff maintains the claims processing operating system, and program staff with the processing of claims and customer service. Other functions include drug rebate analysis and utilization review. The DHCF and the fiscal agent have several systems in place to make contacting our offices easier for the provider.

### 1.8.1 Telephone Contact

The fiscal agent provides telephone access to providers as shown below. These services include lines for provider inquiries, automated eligibility verification, prior authorizations, payment statuses and assistance with electronic claim submittal. Our call centers are open Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm EST. The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The website includes a listing with the name and telephone number of the provider representative assigned to your specific area.

Table 1: Contact List

<b>Conduent Provider Inquiry</b> <b>PO Box 34734</b> <b>Washington, DC 20043-4734</b>	(202) 906-8319 (inside DC metro area) (866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area) (202) 906-8399 (Fax) <a href="mailto:providerinquiry@conduent.com">providerinquiry@conduent.com</a>
<b>Conduent EDI Gateway Services</b>	(866) 407-2005 <a href="http://edisolutionsmmis.portal.conduent.com/gcro/">http://edisolutionsmmis.portal.conduent.com/gcro/</a>

### 1.8.2 Mailing Contact Information

Providers may contact the fiscal agent via the mail at the addresses listed in Appendix A. These post office boxes should be used for paper claim submittals, adjustment and void requests, provider services, and administrative correspondence.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

The following subsections provide information regarding the DC Medicaid Program.

### 2.1 District of Columbia Medicaid Program

The DC Medicaid Program is a federally assisted, District-operated program designed to provide comprehensive medical care and services of a high quality at public expense to all eligible residents of the District of Columbia. The DC Medicaid Program, as mandated by the United States Congress, permits eligible individuals the freedom of choice in the selection of a provider of healthcare services who has agreed to the conditions of participation by applying and being accepted as a provider of services.

### 2.2 Legal Authority

The regulations that govern the DC Medicaid Program are contained in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, (et seq.) and authorized by enabling legislation P.L. 90-227, 12/27/67.

### 2.3 Administration

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is the single state agency responsible for administering the DC Medicaid program.

### 2.4 Covered Services

The following services, when rendered by eligible providers to eligible beneficiaries, are covered by DC Medicaid:

- Dental
- Doula
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Emergency Services
- Family Planning
- Gender Identity Surgery
- Home and Community Based Services
- Home Health Care
- Hospice
- Inpatient Hospital
- Intermediate Care Nursing Facility (ICF)
- Intermediate Mental Disorder (IMD)
- Laboratory and X-Ray
- Lactation Consultant
- Long Term Acute Care Facility (LTAC)
- Managed Care
- Medical Clinic (hospital and free-standing)
- Medical Day Treatment
- Medical Equipment, Supplies, Prosthesis, Orthotics, and Appliances
- Non-Emergency Transportation Service
- Nurse Practitioner (Midwives, CRNA)
- Optometry
- Organ Transplant (heart, kidney, liver, lung, bone marrow, allogeneic bone marrow)
- Osteopathy
- Out-of-District Services
- Pediatric Palliative Care
- Personal Care

- Pharmacy
- Physician
- Podiatry
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- Psychologist
- Skilled Care Nursing Facility (SNF)
- Telemedicine

The DHCF pays for covered services rendered out-of-District borders to eligible District beneficiaries, if any of the following circumstances exist:

- The services are rendered by an enrolled provider in the DC Medicaid Program
- The beneficiary requires emergency medical care while temporarily away from home
- The beneficiary would be risking his health if he waited for the service until he returned home
- Returning to the District would endanger the beneficiary's health
- Whenever it is general practice for beneficiaries in an area of the District to use medical resources in a neighboring state
- DHCF decides, based on the attending physician's advice, that the beneficiary has better access to the type of care he needs in another state

More detailed information regarding the program, its policies and regulations is available from DHCF. Please refer to the Medicaid State Plan and State Plan Amendments available on the DHCF Website at [www.dhcf.dc.gov](http://www.dhcf.dc.gov) for a complete listing of covered Medicaid services.

## 2.5 Non-Covered Services

Based on the policies established by DHCF, certain services are not covered by the DC Medicaid Program:

- Patient convenience items
- Meals for family members
- Cosmetic surgery directed primarily at improvement of appearance
- Experimental procedures
- Items or services which are furnished gratuitously, without regard to the individual's ability to pay and without expectation of payment from any source, (i.e., free health screenings)
- Abortions (exceptions include rape, incest, or danger to mother's life)
- Acupuncture
- Chiropractor
- Experimental drugs
- Infertility treatment
- Sterilizations for persons under the age of 21
- Services that are not medically necessary

This list is only an example of the services not covered and should not be considered a complete list. Please refer to the Medicaid State Plan and State Plan Amendments available on the DHCF Website at [www.dhcf.dc.gov](http://www.dhcf.dc.gov) for a complete listing of non-covered Medicaid services.

## 2.6 Inquiries

To receive information about the District of Columbia Medicaid Program, contact the DC Medicaid fiscal agent, Conduent. Addresses and telephone numbers are included in Appendix A.

## 3 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) HEALTHCARE REFORM

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Program Management Office (PMO) at DHCF is aligned with the Health Care Reform & Innovation Administration (HCRIA) and is a resource for both state programs and other public and private users of health information, providing planning, coordination, policy analysis and the development of public/private partnerships for further adoption and integration of health IT in the District of Columbia.

HIT has been proven to have a measurable impact on patient health outcomes, improving provider efficiency and continuity of care delivery. The HIT PMO supports health IT policy and planning, the adoption and use of electronic health records (EHR), and the secure exchange of health information, for the benefit of health care providers, patients, and their families. Additionally, the HIT PMO supports the promotion of technology that can lead to care delivery innovation and reform.

The HIT PMO will take a lead role in identifying how electronic health information can be used to improve clinical quality by integrating it into existing program initiatives.

Key HIT goals include:

- Improving provider, patient and DHCF access to clinical information to enhance care delivery. Better information to support clinical decisions by providers increases the probability of quality outcomes for consumers while reducing costs.
- Improving health outcomes by supporting and expanding use of electronic care management tools.
- Improving data capture and analysis, clinical oversight, reporting and transparency through HIT for organizations which finance health care, including government, private employers, and managed care organizations.

### 3.1 Health Information Exchange

Through its HIE Policy Board, DHCF is convening stakeholders to assess how DHCF can best facilitate HIE in the District. HIE infrastructure provides the technology, processes, and operations needed to facilitate exchange of health information between provider organizations, District agencies responsible for public and population health, and other stakeholders on behalf of patients. Many organizations within the District have invested in health information technology solutions to support the electronic documentation and management of patient health information. This data is increasingly captured in a structured format utilizing national standards. As patients seek and receive care at multiple organizations, HIE can support the ability to have a more comprehensive understanding of patient health to provide care more effectively.

#### 3.1.1 HIE Services

- **Direct Secure Messaging:** Direct is an easy-to-use, fast, and secure electronic communication service for clinical providers and others who regularly transmit and/or receive protected health information (PHI). Direct looks and operates like email, but with security features such as point-to-point encryption required for PHI. Direct is not a brand name or a company, Direct is a transmission standard developed by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). DHCF contracts with Orion Health for its Direct. Orion Health is one of the world's most widely deployed HIE companies. Direct is the primary way providers will be notified of a patient encounter.
- **Encounter Notification Service\*** (ENS): Providers can receive alerts on a selected panel of patients who are admitted, discharged, or transferred to/from acute care hospitals located in the District of Columbia and Maryland.
- **Provider Query Portal\*:** Access to real time clinical information including lab results, radiology reports and discharge summaries.

- **Encounter Reporting Service\*** (ERS): Reports to hospitals on utilization trends across multiple independent facilities.

\*Offered in conjunction with CRISP, the state designated HIE in Maryland.

### **3.1.2 Partnership with Department of Health**

DHCF and the Department of Health (DOH) collaborated on a series of upgrades to DOH's public health reporting infrastructure. The purpose of these upgrades was to offer providers and hospitals the means to electronically report public health data to the city in accordance with Stage 2 Meaningful Use incentives. The types of reporting that were enabled included immunization data, cancer registry, syndromic surveillance (sometimes referred to as bio-surveillance) and electronic laboratory data reporting.

## 4 DC MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

DHCF implemented a Managed Care Program in the District to help provide quality care to DC Medicaid beneficiaries in a more economical manner. This section briefly explains this program. If you are interested in becoming a participant, contact DHCF at the address and number listed in Appendix A.

### 4.1 Program Overview

The DC Medicaid and Alliance Managed Care programs were developed to improve access to primary and preventive services while reducing the overall cost of care provided to DC Medicaid and Alliance enrollees. The reductions in cost result from changes in the behavior of patients who can develop stable and continuous relationships with primary care providers (PCP).

The services offered to all Medicaid managed care enrollees include:

- Access to consistent primary, preventive, and special care services
- 24-hour availability of nurse hotline to provide immediate access to health advice and/or access to urgent medical care.
- Freedom of choice to obtain Medicaid covered services from any in-network provider. Timely and appropriate access to services in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care
- Access to Care coordination and Case Management services that will strengthen and improve the overall health, educational, and social services; and
- Access to behavioral health, dental, vision, and transportation services (emergency and non-emergency)

The DC Medicaid and Alliance Managed Care programs seeks to optimize the investment in health care for managed care enrollees, which is particularly important in these times of fiscal austerity. Managed Care is one of the few ways of keeping costs under control and providing quality health care.

DHCF also, implemented the Child and Adolescent Supplemental Security Income Program (CASSIP). CASSIP is a voluntary program for children and young adults, ages 0 thru 26 that have complex medical needs and eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or have SSI-related diagnoses that meet Social Security Administration's (SSA) medical disability criteria. Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) is currently the District's contractor that serves this population.

The services available to all CASSIP enrollees include, but not limited to:

- An assigned Care Manager
- Respite Care (168 hours every 6 months)
- Home Modifications (medically necessary)
- Adaptive equipment and supplies
- Orthodontic care
- Home Health/Personal Care Assistant services
- Feeding management programs
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and Psychiatric sub-acute care (for defined population)
- Long term medical care
- Intermediate Care Facility for Mental Retardation (ICF-MR)
- Behavioral Health rehabilitation services (day treatment programs)

Medicaid Managed Care Contacts:

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia:	(800) 408-7511
MedStar Family Choice DC:	(888) 404-3549
Health Services for Children with Special Needs:	(866) 937-4549
Wellpoint District of Columbia (formerly Amerigroup DC):	(202) 548-6700

## Enrollment Broker:

DC Healthy Families and Alliance Program:	(800) 620-7802
---	----------------

## 4.2 Participants

The DC Medicaid Program serves an excess of 250,000 District of Columbia residents. Two-thirds of this population is enrolled in the Managed Care Program. The remaining third of the beneficiaries are enrolled in the Fee-for-Service Program. Members of eligible populations reside in all eight of the District's wards. Over half of the eligible population resides in Wards 4, 7 and 8 of the eastern part of the city. Eligible managed care enrollees shall be required to select a primary care provider within ten (10) days of becoming eligible for the program. If they do not select a primary care provider, they shall be assigned to one.

## 4.3 Providers

Eligible providers can be prepaid plans; public health clinics owned or operated by the District, hospital outpatient clinics, certain community health centers, and federally qualified health centers (FQHC) or physicians in private practice. To be eligible, a provider must agree to comply with certain federal and District requirements, must meet the district's requirements for the practice of medicine and/or for the operation of a prepaid plan or health care facility and must be enrolled as a DC Medicaid provider. Payment for services can be on a fee-for-service basis, a capitated basis for prepaid plans or alternative payment models.

## 4.4 Special Requirements for Managed Care Organizations

In addition to executing a provider application, a MCO or other pre-paid health plan must sign a contract, renewed annually, with the DC Medicaid Program to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries.

Individuals eligible to enroll in managed care fall under the following categories:

- Medicaid (TANF-TANF related),
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Childless Adults
- Immigrant Children Program (ICP) and
- Alliance

## 4.5 Quality Assurance Program for DC Medicaid Managed Care

DHCF is responsible and accountable for all quality improvement activities as outlined in the department's Quality Strategy. Components of this Quality Strategy include at a minimum all requirements as outlined in The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Final Rule (CMS 2390-F). DHCF is also responsible for tracking and monitoring provider utilization and quality of care standards. Providers are responsible for participating in quality improvement activities to promote improved quality of care, experience of care and decreased cost as outlined by the DHCF. DHCF is responsible for monitoring, analyzing, and distributing information related to quality improvement activities and providing support to implementation of continuous quality improvement activities.



## 5 PROVIDER PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

This section of the manual provides information regarding enrollment of providers to participate in the DC Medicaid Program.

### 5.1 Participating Provider

A participating provider is a person, institution, or organization who has an executed provider agreement with DHCF. To participate in the DC Medicaid Program, providers must adhere to the guidelines established by DHCF and outlined in the individual provider agreements.

### 5.2 Provider Types

The following types of providers qualify for Medicaid program enrollment consideration:

- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic
- Ambulance Transportation
- Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Audiologist
- Birthing Center
- Clinic (Public/Private)
- Community Residential Facility
- DC Public Chartered Schools
- Dental Clinic
- Dentist
- Doula
- Durable Medical Equipment Supplier
- Federal Qualified Health Clinic
- Freestanding Radiology
- General Hospital
- Hearing Aid Dispenser
- Hemodialysis Center – Freestanding
- Home Health Agency
- Hospice
- Independent Lab/X-ray
- Licensed Independent Social Workers
- Nurse Practitioner Group
- Psychologists
- Telemedicine
- LTAC Hospital
- MCO (Managed Care Organization)
- Mental Health Clinic
- Mental Health Rehab Services (MHRS)
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Facility
- Optician
- Optometrist
- Pediatric Palliative Care
- Pharmacy
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Physician DO
- Physician MD
- Podiatrist
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- Psychiatric Hospital Private
- Psychiatric Hospital Public
- Waiver (Elderly and Physically Disabled (EPD), Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IDD))
- Physician Group
- Personal Care Aide (PCA)
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (Clubhouse)
- Physician Assistant
- Recovery Support Services

### 5.3 Provider Eligibility Requirements

Providers shall meet the following certification requirements to be considered for participation in the DC Medicaid Program. Requirements differ based on provider type and/or location as noted below:

#### 5.3.1 District Providers

Providers licensed in the District of Columbia are eligible to request consideration for participation in the DC Medicaid program if the practice address is located within the geographic boundaries of the District of Columbia.

### 5.3.2 Out-of-District Providers

Providers whose practice address is located outside of the geographic boundaries of the District of Columbia are eligible to request consideration for participation in the DC Medicaid program if licensed in the state of the practice address.

### 5.3.3 Group Practice Providers

Licensed, registered, and/or certified businesses that have multiple members, who are registered to do business in the District of Columbia, are eligible to request consideration for participation in the DC Medicaid through a group practice.

When a group practice has been approved for participation, the group will be assigned a provider number. Payment for services rendered by all members of the group will be made under this number. Every member in the group must also be enrolled in DC Medicaid and have signed an individual Provider Agreement. A provider number will also be assigned to each member in the group to indicate which member is rendering the service.

For each new member the group wants to add, an enrollment package must be obtained, completed, and submitted to Maximus. Conduent will notify applicants in writing whether they have been approved for participation in the DC Medicaid Program.

### 5.3.4 Health Facilities

Licensed and certified health facilities are eligible to request consideration for participation in the DC Medicaid Program. In the case of new facilities or new services, acquisition of a certificate of need from the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) will also be required.

## 5.4 Application Procedures

To become a DC Medicaid provider, an applicant may submit an enrollment application online at [www.dcpdms.com](http://www.dcpdms.com). Applicants also shall be subject to screening through any of the following:

- Ownership and Financial Disclosures
- Criminal Background Checks
- Fingerprinting; and/or
- Pre and Post Enrollment Site Visits

To access the online application, go to the "Provider" section of the Web Portal located in the left navigational pane and select the "Enroll Online" hyperlink. [Note: All required documents as indicated by provider type must be received by Conduent' Provider Enrollment Department to complete the application package. Online applicants must indicate the correspondence and application tracking numbers on all documents submitted to Conduent.] Documents are to be mailed to Conduent at the address indicated in Appendix A.

DHCF shall revalidate all enrolled suppliers of DME/POS every three (3) years, and all other Medicaid providers every five (5) years, in accordance with 42C.F.R. § 455.414. The dates for revalidation of enrollment shall be calculated beginning on the date that the Director of DHCF, or a designee, signs the Provider Agreement.

DHCF shall review an Applicant's signed and finished Application within thirty (30) business days from the date it was received by DHCF. DHCF shall return a provider application package to the Applicant when DHCF determines the provider application package to be incomplete or to contain incorrect information. DHCF shall allow resubmission for incomplete or incorrect information a maximum of two (2) times within the same twelve (12) month period.

An Applicant shall be classified according to the following risk categories:

- High (subject to the screening requirements described in § 9404).
- Moderate (subject to the screening requirements described in § 9405); or
- Limited (subject to the screening requirements described in § 9406).

Providers or suppliers who are classified as "Moderate Risk" or "High Risk" shall be required to attend an orientation session before signing the Medicaid Provider Agreement.

#### 5.4.1 How Track the Status of Your Enrollment Application

- Log into your account in the [www.dcpdms.com](http://www.dcpdms.com) Web Portal
- On your Provider Management Home page, you can view the "status" of your application in the "My Provider" section. See example below.

My Providers									
Provider	Status	Provider Type	NPI	Medicaid ID	Specialty	Location	Effective Date	Submit Date	Re-Enrollment Due Date
<a href="#">DC DDS</a>	Approved	IDDD Waiver			Case Management	20007 - 3717		09/22/16	
<a href="#">Diet Ician</a>	Approved	IDDD Waiver		111114028	Employment Readiness	20007 - 3717	09/22/16	09/22/16	09/22/19
<a href="#">Test DDS Deny</a>	Denied	IDDD Waiver			Case Management	20007 - 3717		09/22/16	

- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact MAXIMUS Provider Customer Service at 844-218-9700 TTY 844-436- 8333 (Monday – Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm)

#### 5.4.2 Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "High Risk"

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.450, the following provider and supplier types shall be classified within the "High Risk" category:

- Home Health Agencies ("HHAs") and
- Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies ("DMEPOS") suppliers.

Screening for providers or suppliers classified as "High Risk" shall include the following:

- Verification that the provider or supplier meets requirements set forth in the D.C. Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, as amended, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.) and implementing rules, as well as all other applicable Federal and District laws and regulations.
- Verification of appropriate licensure, including licensure in states other than the District, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.412.
- Both pre- and post-enrollment database checks to ensure the provider or supplier continues to meet the enrollment criteria that corresponds to its provider or supplier type, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.436.
- On-site visits conducted in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.432.
- Criminal background checks, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.434; and
- Submission of fingerprints, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.434, for all providers or individuals who maintain a five percent (5%) or greater ownership interest in the provider or supplier.

#### 5.4.3 Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "Moderate Risk"

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.450, the following provider and supplier types shall be classified within the "Moderate Risk" category:

- Community Mental Health Centers ("CMHCs").
- Hospices.
- Home and Community Based Services ("HCBS") Waiver providers.
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities ("ICFs/IID"); and
- Pharmacies.

Screening for providers or suppliers classified as "Moderate Risk" shall include the following:

- Verification that the provider or supplier meets requirements set forth in the D.C. Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, as amended, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.) and implementing rules, as well as all other applicable Federal and District laws and regulations.
- Verification of appropriate licensure, including licensure in states other than the District, in accordance with 42 C.P.R. § 455.412.
- Both pre- and post-enrollment database checks to ensure the provider or supplier continues to meet the enrollment criteria that corresponds to its provider or supplier type, in accordance with 42 C.P.R. § 455.436; and
- On-site visits conducted in accordance with 42 C.P.R. § 455.432.

#### **5.4.4 Screening Providers or Suppliers Classified As "Limited Risk"**

Pursuant to 42 C.P.R. § 455.450, any provider or supplier not designated as "Moderate Risk" or "High Risk" under §§ 9405 and 9404, shall be classified within the "Limited Risk" category. Screening for providers or suppliers classified as "Limited Risk" shall include the following:

- Verification that the provider or supplier meets requirements set forth in the D.C. Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, as amended, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.) and implementing rules, as well as all other applicable Federal and District laws and regulations.
- Verification of appropriate licensure, including licensure in states other than the District, in accordance with 42 C.P.R. § 455.412; and
- Both pre- and post-enrollment database checks to ensure the provider or supplier continues to meet the enrollment criteria that corresponds to its provider or supplier type, in accordance with 42 C.P.R. § 455.436.

#### **5.4.5 Crossover Only Providers**

Providers who are interested in rendering to QMB beneficiaries must enroll in the DC Medicaid program. The enrollment process involves completing a provider application and submitting all required documents, including all applicable licenses and/or certifications, a W-9 form, and the Medicaid provider agreement. Please note that participation in this program is limited to rendering services to QMB enrollees only.

#### **5.4.6 Ordered or Prescribed Services**

DC Medicaid will pay for compensable services or items prescribed or ordered by a practitioner only if they are ordered within the scope of DC Medicaid regulation and good medical practice. Items prescribed or ordered solely for the patient's convenience or that exceed medical needs are not compensable. Payment may not be made for items or services prescribed or ordered by providers who have been terminated from the DC Medicaid Program.

### **5.5 Enrollment Application Approval**

MAXIMUS will notify applicants by emailing a Welcome Letter when the provider is approved for participation in the DC Medicaid program. The Welcome Letter is issued to the provider's primary contact email address (or correspondence address, if paper application submitted).

The Welcome Letter notifies the provider of the nine-digit Medicaid Provider ID that is used to submit claims. After the provider is approved, billing instructions and forms are available on the Medicaid Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com).

A provider who has been approved is eligible to be reimbursed only for services furnished on or after the effective date of the enrolled provider's executed agreement with DHCF and only for eligible services. The effective date is determined by the date the application is approved except in extenuating circumstances.

## 6 REGULATIONS

The regulations that govern the DC Medicaid Program are contained in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, (et seq.) and authorized by enabling legislation P.L. 90-227, 12/27/67. The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is the single state agency responsible for administering the Medicaid program.

An overview of the regulations governing provider activities follows.

### 6.1 Beneficiary Freedom of Choice of Providers

A beneficiary may obtain services from any institution, agency, and pharmacy, medical professional or medical organization that has an agreement with DHCF to provide those services. Therefore, there will be no direct or indirect referral arrangements between physicians and other providers of health care services, which might interfere with a beneficiary's freedom of choice. This is not intended to prohibit a physician from recommending the services of another provider, but does prohibit automatic referrals between providers, which could interfere with the beneficiary's freedom of choice.

### 6.2 Discrimination

Federal and District of Columbia regulations require that all programs receiving Federal and local assistance comply fully with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations at 45 CFR Parts 80 and 84. DHCF ensures that no individual shall be subjected to discrimination under this plan on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or handicap.

### 6.3 Interrelationship of Providers

Providers are prohibited from referring or soliciting beneficiaries directly or indirectly to other providers for financial consideration. Providers are also prohibited from soliciting, receiving, or offering kickbacks; payments, gifts, bribes, or rebates for purchasing; leasing, ordering, arranging for, recommending purchasing, leasing; ordering for goods, facilities, or items for which payment is made through the DC Medicaid Program. This does not preclude discounts or other reductions in charges by a provider to a practitioner for services such as laboratory and X-ray, if the price is properly disclosed and appropriately reflected in the costs claimed or charges made by a practitioner.

### 6.4 Record Keeping

Providers shall retain for a minimum of ten (10) years (unless otherwise specified), medical and fiscal records that fully disclose the nature and extent of the services rendered to beneficiaries. These records must meet all the criteria established by federal and District regulations. Providers shall make such records readily available for review and copying by District and Federal officials or their duly authorized agents. The term "readily available" means that the records must be made available at the provider's place of business. If it is impractical to review records at the provider's place of business, upon written request, the provider must forward without charge, the original records, or facsimiles. If DHCF terminates an agreement with a provider, the records relating to services rendered up to the effective date of the termination remain subject to the requirements stated in this manual.

#### 6.4.1 Medical Records

Providers who have examined, diagnosed, and treated a beneficiary, shall maintain individual beneficiary records that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Are legible throughout and written at the time services are rendered
- Identify the beneficiary on every page

- Are signed and dated by the responsible licensed provider. Stamped signatures will not be accepted. All care by ancillary personnel must be countersigned by the responsible licensed provider. Any alterations to the record must be signed and dated
- Contain a preliminary working diagnosis as well as final diagnosis, including elements of a history and physical examination upon which the diagnosis is based
- Document in compliance with the service definitions and descriptions found in Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), ICD-9/10, HCPS, CTD, Axis I
- Reflect treatments as well as the treatment plan
- List quantities and dosages of drugs or supplies prescribed as part of the treatment and wellbeing of the patient
- Indicate the progress of the beneficiary at every visit, the change of the diagnosis, the change of treatment, and the response to the treatment
- Contain summaries of all referrals, hospitalizations, and reports of operative procedures
- Contain the results of all diagnostic tests and reports of all consultations
- Reflect the disposition of the case

### 6.4.2 Cost Reporting

Each participating facility shall submit an annual cost report to the Medicaid Program within ninety (90) days of the close of the provider's cost reporting period, which shall be concurrent with its fiscal year used for all other financial reporting purposes. The following provider types participating in the DC Medicaid program must submit annual cost reports.

- Intermediate Care Facilities
- DC Public Schools
- DC Chartered Schools
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospitals
- Long Term Care Facilities

A delinquency notice shall be issued if the provider does not submit the cost report on time and has not received an extension of the deadline for good cause. If the cost report is not submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice of delinquency, twenty percent (20%) of the facility's regular monthly payment shall be withheld each month until the cost report is received.

Cost reports shall be properly completed in accordance with program instructions and forms and accompanied by supporting documentation required by the Medicaid Program. All cost reports shall cover a twelve (12) month cost reporting period, which shall be the same as the facility's fiscal year, unless the Medicaid Program has approved an exception.

Each facility shall maintain sufficient financial records and statistical data for proper determination of allowable costs.

Each facility's accounting and related records including the general ledger and books of original entry, and all transaction documents and statistical data, are permanent records and shall be retained for a period of not less than five (5) years after the filing of a cost report or until the Notice of Final Program Reimbursement is received, whichever is later.

### 6.4.3 Fiscal Records

Providers shall retain for a minimum of 10 years, all fiscal records relating to services rendered to and not limited to DC Medicaid beneficiaries. This may include, but is not limited to, purchase invoices, prescriptions, the pricing system used for services rendered to patients who are Medicaid eligible, and payments made by third-party payers.

#### **6.4.4 Disclosure of Information**

Records and information acquired in the administration of any part of the Social Security Act are confidential and may be disclosed only under the conditions prescribed in the rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services and the DC Medicaid program.

#### **6.4.5 Penalties for Non-Compliance**

DHCF may terminate agreements with providers who fail to maintain and provide medical and fiscal records as described in the Provider Agreement. If a District or Federal review shows that DHCF paid for services that a provider failed to document as required by the provider's agreement, said provider can be subject to termination pursuant to DC Medicaid rules and regulations.

If DHCF finds, prior to paying a claim, that service is not fully documented by the provider (cited in provider's medical records), payment shall not be made.

### **6.5 Division of Program Integrity**

DHCF ensures the integrity of the Medicaid program and seeks to identify and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the use of Medicaid funds through the activities carried out by the Division of Program Integrity (DPI). The purposes of program oversight are to safeguard against unnecessary, inappropriate, and/or fraudulent use of Medicaid services, identify excessive or inaccurate payments to providers, and ensure compliance with the applicable Medicaid laws, regulations, and policies. The two primary branches of the DPI are the Investigations Branch and the Surveillance/Utilization Branch.

The Investigations Branch is responsible for conducting investigations of alleged violations of policies, procedures, rules, or laws. Complaints may originate from the Office of Inspector General, the Fraud Hotline, Agency staff, facilities and/or health care practitioners, the public, data analysis, or other sources. Allegations of a criminal nature are referred to the appropriate law enforcement entity. When necessary, the Investigations Section works closely with the District of Columbia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and other federal or local law enforcement.

The Surveillance/Utilization Branch reviews providers' patterns of care delivery and billing, reviews patterns of beneficiary resource utilization, undertakes corrective actions when needed, and educates providers on relevant laws, regulations, and other program requirements. Specifically, the Surveillance/Utilization Branch conducts audits and reviews of providers suspected of abnormal utilization or billing patterns within the District of Columbia's Medicaid program, recovers overpayments, issues administrative sanctions, and refer cases of suspected fraud for criminal investigation.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in §1902(a) (30) of the Social Security Act, 42 C.F.R. § 455, and 42 C.F.R. § 456, and in conjunction with 29 DCMR § 1300, et seq. and 1900, et seq., the DHCF has established procedures for reviewing the utilization of, and payment for, all Medicaid services. Accordingly, providers are required, upon request, to provide DHCF, designated DHCF agents, the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services with medical records. In addition, providers must fully cooperate with audits and reviews made by DHCF or their designee to determine validity of claims or the medical necessity of services rendered by the provider.

Any of the above entities have the right to request complete information about the ownership of any contractor with whom the provider has had business transactions. In addition, requests may be made about significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or subcontractor, during the ten (10) year period from the date of the request. This information must be supplied within 35 days of request.

The reviews involve the utilization of, and payment for, all Medicaid services and may include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Desk Audit-Review** – An audit or review conducted at the Division of Program Integrity. A notification letter with request for records may be sent to the provider and requires the provider to submit copies of the requested records, if necessary. Audit staff may conduct provider and/or provider personnel interviews by phone. Some examples of desk audits and reviews are clinical reviews, pharmacy third party liability (TPL) audits; hospital outpatient claims audits, hospital credit balance reviews, unit of service limitation reviews, and audits of claims submission patterns.
- **Onsite/Field Audit** – An audit conducted at a provider's place of business. A letter of "intent to audit" or a notification letter can be provided by the Division of Program Integrity auditor(s) to the provider prior to the onsite visit, or when the auditor(s) arrives at the place of business, giving the provider information concerning the audit. Audit staff will make copies of the provider's records when onsite, review provider's billing protocols, and interview the provider and/or provider personnel.

Provider audits may be announced or unannounced. If announced, the Division of Program Integrity will send intent to audit/notification letter to the provider announcing the audit and the time frame of the audit. When possible, the Division of Program Integrity will coordinate with the provider to minimize inconvenience and disruption of health care delivery during the audit. Providers can prepare by doing the following:

- Provide a temporary workspace for the auditor(s) within reasonable proximity to the office staff and records. Since many of the original documents and records the auditor(s) will need to examine are located at the local department level, the auditor(s) will need a temporary work area with adequate space and lighting. The amount of time needed for the auditor(s) to be physically present at the provider's location will vary from audit to audit.
- Provide a current organization chart of the provider's area of responsibility. This and other information will assist the auditor(s) in gaining an understanding of the provider's administrative structure, nature of its operations and familiarity with its employees.
- Have a designated individual (Clinical Manager, Clinical Administrator, or Administrative Staff Person) available to assist the auditor(s).
- Have all documentation to support billing and reimbursement readily available for the reviewer.
- Have copies of current business license(s) and professional healthcare licenses of all pertinent staff available for the auditor(s). The auditor(s) analysis of the provider's operation may require that several of the provider's employees at various levels be asked to explain organization process. In addition to examining hard copy records, it may be necessary for the auditor(s) to make photocopies, and/or obtain samples, of key documents of the provider's files.

The confidentiality of records reviewed during the audit (i.e.: payroll data, personnel record details and contractor agreement details, etc.) will be maintained by the auditor(s).

Once the review of provider information and records is completed, the provider is mailed a draft audit report/preliminary clinical review notice. The provider is given 30 days to respond to the draft audit report/preliminary clinical review notice. Once the draft audit/preliminary clinical review notice response time is expired or dispute process is completed, a final audit report/clinical overpayment notice is sent to the provider. This audit report/notice contains the final overpayment amount and additional directives for the provider.

Some audits, specifically those audits which do not require obtaining records from a provider may result only in an overpayment notice being issued to the provider. This notice contains the overpayment amount and additional directives to the provider.

Providers will normally have 30 days (depending on the category of service being delivered and the specific regulations that govern that service) from receipt of the draft audit report or preliminary clinical review notice to dispute the draft audit or preliminary clinical review findings. Providers must submit the dispute in writing, include what findings they are contesting, and supply documentation to support their position.



Providers have 15 days from receipt of the final audit report/clinical review overpayment notice to request an administrative hearing/appeal of the final audit findings. Providers must submit the request in writing, including the basis for contesting the audit, and including a copy of the final audit report. The written request must be served in a manner which provides proof of receipt and must be sent to:

Office of Administrative Hearings  
441 4th Street, NW  
Suite 450 - North  
Washington, DC 20001-2714

There are several Federal government audit/review and program integrity initiatives administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or CMS contractors, and may include the Office of Inspector General (OIG). District of Columbia's Medicaid providers may receive notification letters and record requests from CMS contractors advising them they have been selected for an audit or review. These audits or reviews could involve the following programs or contractors:

- **Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM)** measures improper payments (errors) in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The PERM program measures improper payments in Medicaid and CHIP and produces error rates for each program. The error rates are based on reviews of the fee-for-service (FFS), managed care, and eligibility components of Medicaid and CHIP in the fiscal year (FY) under review. It is important to note that the error rate is not a "fraud rate" but simply a measurement of payments made that did not meet statutory, regulatory, or administrative requirements.
- **Audit Medicaid Integrity Contractors** are entities with which CMS has contracted to conduct post-payment audits of Medicaid providers. The overall goal of the provider audits is to identify overpayments and to ultimately decrease the payment of inappropriate Medicaid claims. At the direction of CMS, the Audit MICs audit Medicaid providers throughout the country. The audits ensure that Medicaid payments are for covered services that were provided and properly billed and documented. Audit MICs perform field audits and desk audits.
- **Recovery Audit Contractors** are entities which are required by Section 6411(a) of the Affordable Care Act and contracted through the State Medicaid Agency to audit of claims for services furnished by Medicaid providers. These Medicaid RACs must identify overpayments and underpayments.

## 6.6 Utilization Review

In accordance with Section 1902 (a) (30) of the Social Security Act, DHCF has established procedures for reviewing the utilization of, and payment for, all Medicaid services. Accordingly, providers are required, upon request, to provide DHCF, designated DHCF agents, the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services with medical records. In addition, providers must fully cooperate with audits and reviews made by DHCF or their designee to determine validity of claims or the medical necessity of services rendered by the provider.

Any of the above entities have the right to request complete information about the ownership of any contractor with whom the provider has had business transactions. In addition, requests may be made about significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or subcontractor, during the ten (10) year period from the date of the request. This information must be supplied within 35 days of request.

## 6.7 Consequences of Misutilization and Abuse

If routine utilization review procedures indicate that services have been billed for are unnecessary, inappropriate, contrary to customary standards of practice, or violate Medicaid regulations, the provider will be notified in writing. The provider may need to explain billing practices and provide records for review. Providers will be required to refund payments made by Medicaid if the services are found to have been billed and been paid by Medicaid contrary to policy, the provider has failed to maintain adequate documentation to support their claims or billed for medically unnecessary services.

## 6.8 Quality Assurance Program for DC Medicaid Managed Care

DHCF is responsible and accountable for all quality assurance activities implemented by the Department's Quality Assurance Program. Components of this Quality Assurance Program are as follows:

- DHCF's internal quality assurance plan which will include the tracking and monitoring of provider utilization, the monitoring of program goals and objectives and fraud surveillance
- Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contracted with DHCF to perform retrospective claim audit, pre-authorization of specific services and review of DRG outliers
- External Auditor contracted with DHCF to conduct quality review surveys of the DC Medicaid Program

The process of quality assurance is not complete without the documentation and dissemination of findings and results. All entities both internal and external to the Department are charged with scrutinizing the quality of health care rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries. All providers participating in the DC Medicaid Program are required to comply with the reporting standards established by the Department. Participating providers shall receive periodic reports detailing quality assurance findings. Action shall be taken against providers that fall outside the norm and cannot provide adequate explanation of these deviations.

## 6.9 Consequences of Fraud

If an investigation by DHCF shows that a provider submitted false claims for services not rendered or aided another in submitting false claims for services not rendered, DHCF will initiate payment suspension and/or termination proceedings pursuant to DC Medicaid regulations. In addition to administrative action, the case record will be referred to the Office of Inspector General for further review and criminal prosecution under District and Federal law. Sanctions for criminal violations will be imposed pursuant to District and Federal law.

## 6.10 Reporting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

DHCF is committed to the investigation, prevention, and detection of provider and beneficiary fraud and/or abuse in the Medicaid program. Any related allegations, information, or concerns can be reported to DHCF, Division of Program Integrity at the following contacts:

Department of Health Care Finance  
Division of Program Integrity  
441 Fourth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20001  
Telephone Number: 202 698-1718

Hotline Phone Number: 1-877-632-2873

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/reportFraud>

## 7 LANGUAGE ACCESS

The Language Access Program is housed under the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights (OHR). It exists to eliminate language-based discrimination, enabling DC residents, workers, and visitors to receive equivalent information and services from the DC government, regardless of what language they speak. The Program's scope includes all District agencies that meet the public, and it supports these agencies in providing translation and interpretation services for customers who are limited or non-English proficient (LEP/NEP). The Language Access Program organizes its work into four areas: enforcement, compliance monitoring, technical assistance, and community engagement.

- **Enforcement:** Individuals who believe their language access rights have been violated may file a complaint with OHR. The Program Director personally manages language access complaints and issues written findings after the investigations. The Program Director also works with agencies found in non-compliance to implement corrective actions.
- **Compliance Monitoring:** While the Program covers all District agencies that engage residents, workers, and visitors, it provides additional support to those agencies with major public contact (see "Laws and regulations" for more information on this distinction). With more potential exposure to the LEP/NEP population, agencies with major public contact have extensive language access responsibilities, which are reflected in the applicable laws and regulations. Program staff holds agencies accountable to these directives by monitoring each agency's compliance with them. Staff builds agency capacity for compliance through the development of attainable two-year action plans known as Biennial Language Access Plans (BLAPs). Agencies report quarterly on their BLAPs' progress, and Program staff review these reports. Program staff summarizes their findings at the end of each fiscal year in the Annual Compliance Report.
- **Technical Assistance:** Program staff support all District agencies that offer language access services as needed. In addition to responding to individual inquiries from agency members, Program staff regularly provides training on compliance requirements and cultural competency. Staff additionally engage in issue-specific consultations and perform supplemental functions as necessary.
- **Community Engagement:** To ensure that LEP/NEP residents, workers, and visitors are aware of their language access rights, the Language Access Program conducts outreach in conjunction with community-based organizations that serve immigrant needs. In addition to tabling at events, Program staff regularly delivers "Know Your Rights" trainings. Staff also works closely with members of the DC Language Access Coalition as well as the Consultative Agencies to disseminate information about the Program and create platforms for feedback on the District's translation and interpretation services. Staff also responds directly to inquiries from members of the public on matters related to language access.

### 7.1 Laws and Regulations

DC's Language Access Program began with the passage of the Language Access Act of 2004. This Act established the Program at the Office of Human Rights, identified covered entities, and enumerated their responsibilities, stipulated requirements for meeting these responsibilities, and outlined mechanisms for compliance monitoring and enforcement. You can view the full text of the Language Access Act of 2004, as updated in 2014, below.

- **DC Language Access Act of 2004 -**  
<https://ohr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ohr/publication/attachments/LanguageAccessActof2004-English.pdf>
- **Language Access Regulations -**  
<https://ohr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ohr/publication/attachments/FINAL%20REGULATION%20-%20October%202014.pdf>

The provider network supports DHCF in this effort by adhering to their contractual agreement as specified in section R3. R3 states the following:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 45 CFR 84.52(5)(d) requires that all patients receive the same level of care and service regardless of limited or no English proficiency (LEP) or limited or no hearing ability. All providers serving Medicaid beneficiaries are responsible for ensuring interpreter services are available for patients who need them. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), hospitals, and other inpatient facilities must have their own interpreter services available for LEP or hearing impaired/deaf patients. Smaller, independent providers with no direct affiliation with such facilities may be eligible to request an interpreter through the Department.

## 7.2 Coordinating Translation Services

All providers serving Medicaid beneficiaries are responsible for ensuring translations and interpreter services are available for patients who need them. Effective April 7, 2022, Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) has a new language access and interpretive services contractor, ContextGlobal, Inc.

### 7.2.1 Interpreter/Communication Access Real-Time (CART) Services Request Form

Please complete and submit the Interpreter Services request form for face-to-face interpretive services to DHCF via fax at 202-722-5685.

Please allow 5-7 business days for approval. If your request is outside of this timeframe, there is no guarantee that an interpreter will be available. However, urgent requests may be fulfilled depending on an interpreter's availability.

For MCO Enrollees: Providers should follow the guidelines established by the enrollee's managed care organization (MCO) for receiving authorization for interpretive services. Please contact below the appropriate MCO for more information:

- AmeriHealth Caritas DC Provider Services: 202-408-2237 or 1-888-656-2383
- Wellpoint District of Columbia (formerly Amerigroup DC) Provider Services: 202-548-6700
- Health Services for Children with Special Needs (HSCSN) Provider Services: 202-467-2737
- MedStar Family Choice DC Provider Services: 1-855-798-4244
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan DC Provider Services: 1-888-350-5608

## 8 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The following administrative actions can be taken in response to provider misutilization or fraud and abuse (additional information is available at 29 DCMR § 1300, et seq.):

### 8.1 Recoupment

If a provider has billed and been paid for undocumented or unnecessary medical services, DHCF will review the claims and determine the amount of improper payment. The provider will be required to either submit payment or provide repayment through future claims. An appeal by a provider is not a sufficient reason to postpone restitution procedures. In addition, the provider is prohibited from billing the beneficiary for amounts the provider is required to repay.

### 8.2 Termination

A Provider Agreement can be terminated due to, but not limited to, the following:

- Non-compliance with promulgated regulations of DC Medicaid
- Demonstrated ability to provide services, conduct business, and operate a financially viable entity
- Suspension or termination from Medicare or Medicaid programs within the United States
- Conviction of a Medicaid-related criminal offense
- Disciplinary action entered on the records of the state or District licensing or certifying agency
- Has had a controlled drug license withdrawn
- Has refused to permit duly authorized District or Federal representatives to examine medical or fiscal records
- Has dispensed items or services to excess that could be harmful, grossly inferior in quality, or delivered in an unsanitary manner in an unsanitary environment
- Has falsified information related to a request for payment
- Has knowingly accepted Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to beneficiaries who have borrowed or stolen Medicaid identification cards

#### 8.2.1 Notification

When a Provider Agreement is terminated, the provider will receive a Notice of Termination from DHCF. The notice will include the reason for the action, the effective date of the action, and the repercussions for the action. Upon notification of termination, the provider may submit all outstanding claims for allowable services rendered prior to the date of termination. These claims must be submitted within 45 days of the effective date of the termination.

In addition, upon termination of the Provider Agreement, Medicaid may release all pertinent information to:

- The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services
- District, State, and local agencies involved in providing health care
- Medicaid agencies located in other states
- State and county professional societies
- General public

#### 8.2.2 Consequences of Termination

Upon termination, the provider will be prohibited from receiving payment, either directly or indirectly, from DC Medicaid. This includes payment for professional or administrative services through any group practice, medical, clinic, medical center, individual provider, or other facility.

## 8.3 Appeal Process

A provider may request a formal review if he disagrees with a decision made by DHCF. 29 DCMR 1300 governing appeals filed by providers are cited in the Provisions for Fair Hearings, DC Code Title 4-210.1 - 4-210.18. Areas that may be appealed include, but are not limited to, the following:

Areas that may be appealed include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Appeals regarding denial of payment for unauthorized services
2. Appeals regarding termination of a provider agreement
3. Appeals regarding denial of enrollment as a provider in the DC Medicaid or Waiver Programs

Written requests for appeals must be sent to the address in Appendix A. Appeals regarding termination of the Provider Agreement must be sent in writing to the address listed in Appendix A. A copy of all appeals must be sent to DHCF at the address in Appendix A.

## 8.4 Reinstatement

The provider must send a written request to the DHCF to be considered for reinstatement. This written request should include statements from peer review personnel, probation officers (where applicable), or professional associates on the provider's behalf. In addition, the provider should include an individual statement of request for reinstatement. All documentation must be sent to DHCF at the address listed in Appendix A.

### 8.4.1 Criteria for Reinstatement

The DHCF will take the following into consideration when a provider has made a request for reinstatement:

- Severity of the offense
- Negative licensure action
- Court convictions that are Medicaid-related
- Pending, unfulfilled claims or penalties

## 9 BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY

This subsection provides an overview of beneficiary eligibility.

### 9.1 Eligibility Determination

The Department of Health Care Finance Medicaid Branch (DHCF) determines beneficiary eligibility for the DC Medicaid Program.

The Office of Information Systems (OIS) operates the District of Columbia Access System (DCAS), which determines and tracks eligibility, providing integrated automated support for several District of Columbia programs, including Medicaid. The DCAS eligibility information is directly linked to the Interactive Voice Response (IVR), making it readily available to providers.

### 9.2 Individual Eligibility


Individuals may be eligible for DC Medicaid by either qualifying under a “categorically needy” program or by meeting the conditions to be considered “medically needy”. Categorically needy programs include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and refugee programs. Medically needy beneficiaries are those who do not qualify for cash benefits under a categorical program but meet the criteria to qualify as a medically indigent Medicaid beneficiary. The DC Medicaid Program does not cover medically indigent persons who are not eligible under a category that entitles receipt of federal financial participation. Following is a more specific list of groups eligible in the DC Medicaid Program:

1. Persons determined to be eligible for a grant through the TANF program
2. Pregnant (medically determined) women who would be eligible for TANF if the child were born and living with the mother
3. Pregnant women and infants up to one year of age with family incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty level
4. Persons who are age sixty-five or over, blind, or disabled, and who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grants
5. Person who are sixty-five or over, or disabled and who meet more restrictive requirements than SSI
6. Persons who would qualify for SSI except for certain Social Security cost-of-living increases
7. Persons in medical facilities who, if they left such facilities, would qualify for SSI except for income
8. Persons who have become ineligible for Medicaid who are enrolled in an HMO that is qualified under Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act
9. Persons who would be eligible for TANF if their work-related childcare costs were paid from earnings rather than by a government agency
10. Children in licensed foster care homes or private childcare institutions for whom public agencies are assuming financial responsibility
11. Children receiving subsidized adoption payments
12. Persons who receive only a supplemental payment from the District
13. Certain disabled children age eighteen (18) or under who live at home, but would be eligible if they lived in a medical institution
14. Pregnant women and children up to age five who are under 100% of the federal poverty level





Figure 2: Medical Assistance Card – Back Image

<b>Signature of Adult/Firma del adulto</b>	
<b>(202) 698-2000</b>	<b>to find a doctor para encontrar un médico</b>
<b>(202) 639-4030</b>	<b>for help with your managed care plan para la ayuda con su plan de salud</b>
<b>(202) 727-5355</b>	<b>to change your address (or report other changes) para cambiar su dirección (o informarnos de otros cambios)</b>
	

The back of the Medical Assistance Card provides information to the beneficiary that gives specific information relevant to its use.

### 9.3.2 Notice of Presumptive Eligibility

To encourage greater participation in obtaining prenatal care, DHS clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are authorized to determine pregnant women temporarily (presumptively) eligible for Medicaid while DCAS determines her ongoing Medicaid eligibility. The temporary eligibility will allow immediate receipt of all Medicaid-covered ambulatory services that are related to pregnancy and the patient will be issued a dated Notice of Presumptive Eligibility, a copy of which follows.

A District of Columbia Identification Number (DC ID#) will be established / issued no later than fourteen days from the date of the Notice by ESA. The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) will then respond, "Medicaid Eligible," and claims may be submitted to Conduent. The address is listed in Appendix A.

If you have questions concerning claim submission, please contact the Provider Inquiry Department at Conduent; questions regarding eligibility determinations should be directed to the Economic Security Administration. The addresses and telephone numbers are included in Appendix A.

### 9.3.3 Office of the Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights

An "ombudsman" is a person who investigates problems, makes recommendations for solutions, and helps solve the problem. The District of Columbia's Office of the Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights is here to:

- Help beneficiaries understand their healthcare rights and responsibilities
- Help solve problems with healthcare coverage, access to healthcare and issues regarding healthcare bills
- Advocate for beneficiaries until their healthcare needs are addressed and fixed
- Guide beneficiaries towards the appropriate private and government agencies when needed
- Help beneficiaries in the appeals process
- Track healthcare problems and report patterns in order improve what is causing the problems

The Office of the Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights is an important source of help for any Medicaid beneficiary. In fact, it can help any DC resident with health insurance issues, including people with Medicare, or health insurance. The Office of Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights may be contacted at (877) 685-6391.

## 9.4 Provider Responsibility

The provider is responsible for the following eligibility verification activities.

### 9.4.1 Eligibility Verification

It is the responsibility of the provider to ensure the patient is DC Medicaid eligible on the date of service. If a provider supplies services to an ineligible beneficiary, the provider cannot collect payment from DC Medicaid. The provider should verify:

- Beneficiary's name and identification number
- Effective dates of eligibility
- Services restricted to specified providers
- Third-party liability

The provider must verify the beneficiary's eligibility by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) using a touch-tone telephone (telephone number included in Appendix A) and supplying the beneficiary identification number found on the beneficiary's ID card. Beneficiary eligibility may also be verified online via the Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com). The IVR and Web Portal receive eligibility information from DCAS, which is operated by the Office of Information Systems.

### 9.4.2 Third-Party Liability

Since DC Medicaid is a payer of last resort, the provider must bill other resources first. Third-party liability (TPL) identifies primary payer resources outside of DC Medicaid who should be billed for the services (i.e., Workmen's Compensation, CHAMPUS, Medicare, private insurance carriers, etc.). Some Third-Party Liability terms are defined as:

- Lien - is put in place to protect Medicaid's interest in the beneficiary's former home and its rights to recover Medicaid spending that result in settlements from inquiries that involve lawsuits
- Subrogation – notice sent out of intent to collect a debt
- Notice of other insurance – is sent when the beneficiary has an insurance policy other than Medicaid. This will not result in loss of Medicaid benefits
- Estate – property owned by a Medicaid beneficiary that can result in Medicaid placing a lien against it to insure the reimbursement of Medicaid funds after the beneficiary's death

When payment or denial of payment from the third party has been received, all documentation related to the action must be attached to the claim when billing DC Medicaid for a service. It is incumbent on the provider to discover if the beneficiary has other resources. Information about TPL must be entered on the claim form and should be kept in the patient's records.

In subrogation cases, DHCF should be notified. All recoveries should be turned over to DHCF immediately to offset payments already made by DHCF on behalf of the beneficiary.

### 9.4.3 Medicaid Beneficiary Restriction Program

DHCF may restrict a DC Medicaid beneficiary to one designated primary care provider and to one designated pharmacy, when there is documented evidence of abuse or misutilization of services. For the purposes of this program, a primary care provider is a health care practitioner who takes responsibility for the continuous care of a patient, preventive as well as curative. Primary care providers are internists, family practitioners, general practitioners, pediatricians, health maintenance organizations, comprehensive neighborhood health centers, etc.

Medicaid Beneficiary Restriction is a corrective process by which a beneficiary is locked in for one year or more to the services of one designated pharmacy and one designated primary care provider who will be responsible for the management of the beneficiary's total health care. This restriction will not apply when there is need for a second opinion or when there is a medical emergency.

#### 9.4.4 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) are persons who are entitled to Medicare Part A, are eligible for Medicare Part B, and have an income below 100% of the federal poverty level are determined to be eligible for QMB status by their state Medicaid agency. Medicaid pays only the Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments for QMBs. Medicaid does not cover dental services or non-covered Medicare services.

##### 9.4.4.1 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program

The Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program is a Federal benefit administered at the State level. The District of Columbia reimburses providers for Medicare part A and Part B deductibles and coinsurance payments up to the Medicaid allowed amount for clients enrolled in the QMB program.

Figure 3: QMB Medical Assistance Card – Front Image

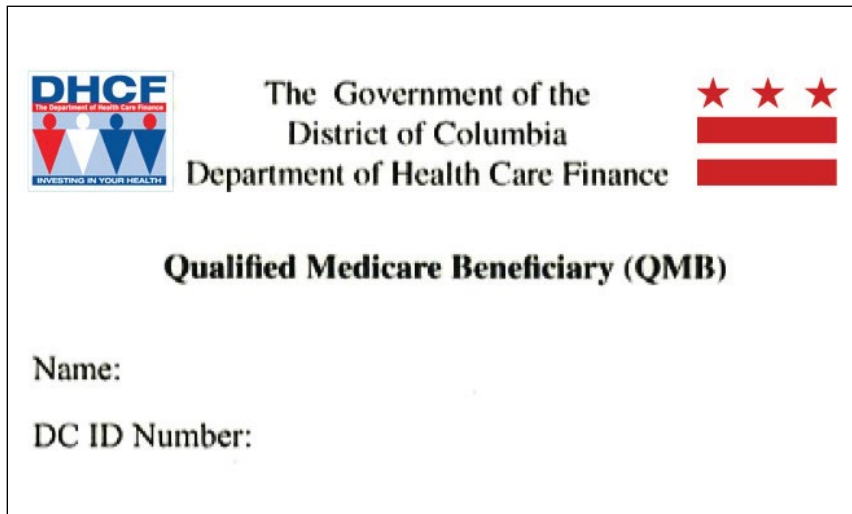


Figure 4: QMB Medical Assistance Card – Back Image

With this card, you are entitled to have Department of Health Care Finance pay for your MEDICARE Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance for all Medicare-covered services.

Show this card to your health care provider whenever you show your Medicare card.

It is against the law for this card to be used by or for anyone except the person whose name is printed on the front of the card.

Should you have any questions regarding the QMB benefit including pharmacy, please call GW Counseling Center on (202) 739-0668, the Health Care Ombudsman on 1-877-685-6391 or MEDICARE on 1-800-633-4227. Providers please call (202) 698-2000 for any questions you may have regarding billing or eligibility.

#### **9.4.4.2 Billing for Services Provided to QMB's**

All Medicare physicians, providers, and suppliers who offer services and supplies to QMBs must be aware that they may not bill QMBs for Medicare cost-sharing. This includes deductible, coinsurance, and copayments, known as "balance billing." Section 1902(n)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act, as modified by Section 4714 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, prohibits Medicare providers from balance billing QMBs for Medicare cost sharing. QMBs have no legal obligation to make further payment to a provider or Medicare managed care plan for Part A or Part B cost sharing.

Providers who inappropriately bill QMBs for Medicare cost-sharing are subject to sanctions.

#### **9.4.4.3 Balance Billing of QMBs is prohibited by Federal Law**

Under current law, Medicare providers cannot balance bill a QMB. Section 1902(n)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act, as modified by Section 4714 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, prohibits Medicare providers from balance billing QMBs for Medicare cost-sharing. Refer to <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1128.pdf> for additional information.

Specifically, the statute provides that the Medicare payment and any Medicaid payment are considered payment in full to the provider for services rendered to a QMB.

## 10 CLAIMS PROCESSING PROCEDURES

To ensure that the DC Medicaid claim is processed according to DC Medicaid policy, an advanced Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) has been developed to adjudicate and price claims. This chapter outlines the claims process.

### 10.1 Receive and Record

Claims are received by Conduent in one of two media types: paper or electronic. Paper claims are handwritten or generated by computer. Standardized forms have been developed for the submission of services for payment. Standardization ensures appropriate entry and formatting of claims.

DC providers have the option of billing via Web Portal, EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) or paper. WINASAP is software that has been developed by Conduent to give DC Medicaid providers the capability for accelerated submission of Medicaid claims. DC providers may also submit electronic claims by utilizing billing agents, clearinghouses, or other third-party billing software. Submitting claims electronically drastically reduce the time required for Medicaid claims to be prepared for the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). Electronic submission eliminates the process of document preparation, mailing, claims receipt, and data entry. Using electronic submission, claims are transmitted directly to EDI or received in electronic format, then uploaded to the MMIS the same day of receipt.

Hard copy claims are received in the mailroom where they will undergo a review process.

### 10.2 Review

After hard copy claims have been received, they are reviewed for essential data. If essential data is missing, the claims will be returned to the provider (RTP). A claim will be rejected if any of the following situations occur:

- Original provider signature is missing (stamped signatures are not acceptable)
- Provider Medicaid identification number is missing
- Beneficiary Medicaid identification number is missing
- Original red CMS1500 and UB04 claim forms (copies of these forms are not acceptable)
- Claim submitted on an unaccepted claim form (older claim form version). [Note: DC Medicaid accepts only the current versions of the CMS1500, ADA Dental, and UB04 claim forms.]
- Writing not legible

Any claim that is RTP'd will be accompanied by an RTP letter. If the claim was submitted as a paper, the original claim can be corrected. If the claim was originally submitted electronically, it can be resubmitted electronically or be transferred to paper for resubmission.

### 10.3 Transaction Control Number

The transaction control number (TCN) is a unique tracking number assigned to each accepted claim. Rejected claims, submitted hard copy (Refer to the above Section 8.2 for list of reasons for claim rejection reasons) or electronically are not assigned a TCN until all errors have been corrected and resubmitted. If the claim was submitted as a hard copy, the original claim can be corrected. If the claim was originally submitted electronically, it can be resubmitted electronically or transferred to paper for resubmission.

The TCN consists of 17 numeric digits. The TCN structure is as follows:

Figure 5: TCN Structure

17021	1	0123	000001	7
Julian Date (YYDDD)	Media Type (By Value)	Batch Number (By Position)	Document Number	TCN Type (By Value)
	1 = Web 2 = Electronic Crossover 3 = Electronic Submitted Claim 4 = System Generated 5 = Web w/attachment 6 = Special Batch 7 = Retro-rate 8 = Paper 9 = Paper w/attachment 0 = Encounter	1 = Machine number 2 - 4 = Assigned batch		0 - 4 = PBM 5 - 6 = Available 7 = Original 8 = Credit (void) 9 = Debit (adjustment)

## 10.4 Input

Claims that have been accepted and have received a TCN are sent to data entry. After data entry operators have keyed these claims, the MMIS starts the editing process. If edits appear, the resolutions unit then works them. Edits give operators the opportunity to correct errors. The claims are then entered into the MMIS for the processing.

## 10.5 Edits

When the claim data has been entered into the MMIS, it is edited to ensure compliance with the following DC Medicaid requirements:

- Provider eligibility
- Beneficiary eligibility
- Valid and appropriate procedure, diagnosis, and drug codes
- Reasonable charges
- Duplicate claims
- Conflicting services
- Valid dates
- Other Medicaid requirements

The status that is assigned to each claim is dependent on compliance with the requirements. The assigned status of each claim will be paid, denied, or suspended.

The Remittance Advice (RA) document sent to providers shows the status of each claim submitted by the provider and entered the MMIS. The claims information is sorted on the RA in the following order:

- Paid original claims
- Paid adjustment claims
- Denied original claims
- Denied adjustment claims
- Pended claims (in process)
- Paid claims MTD
- Denied claims MTD
- Adjusted claims MTD
- Paid claims YTD
- Denied claims YTD

### 10.5.1 Approval Notification

Claims that meet all requirements and edits are paid during the next payment cycle. The provider will receive a Remittance Advice (RA) weekly listing all paid, denied, and suspended claims in the system.

The provider will also receive a reimbursement check or direct deposit for paid claims. The RA will include claim amounts that have been processed and a total of all paid claims.

Claims previously paid incorrectly may be adjusted or voided. Voids will appear as credits; adjustments will appear as two transactions, debit, and credit.

Adjustments/voids must be initiated by the provider since the provider can only correct errors after the claim has been paid and appears on the RA. It is the responsibility of the provider to make corrections when errors are made.

The following examples show the importance of adjusting or voiding a previously adjudicated claim on which errors have occurred:

- The provider treated John Smith, but inadvertently coded a Beneficiary Identification Number of Jane Smith who may or may not be the provider's patient. The provider will need to void the claim for Jane Smith and submit an original claim for John Smith giving the correct identification number.
- On the original claim the provider entered the incorrect charge for an accommodation. The provider will need to adjust (correct) the claim to obtain the correct reimbursement.
- The provider submits a claim in which an incorrect procedure code was used. In this case, the code was for removal of an appendix. This was not the procedure performed but the claim was paid according to the procedure listed. The provider will need to adjust (correct) this claim via an adjustment and enter the correct code for the procedure performed. This is an important step because should the patient ever require an appendectomy, that claim would otherwise be denied because the record reflects that the appendix had previously been removed.

The provider will be paid by check or direct deposit for all paid claims in accordance with current guidelines. Payments to providers may be increased or decreased by DHCF to accommodate previous overpayments, underpayments, or an audit.

### 10.5.2 Denied

Claims that do not meet DC Medicaid edit requirements will not be paid. All denied claims are listed on the RA in alphabetical order by beneficiary last name. Denial reasons are listed on the RA as well. Listed below are some examples of denial reasons:

- Beneficiary not eligible on date of service
- Provider not eligible on date of service
- Duplicate claim
- Claim exceeds filing limit

### 10.5.3 Suspended

Claims that do not meet the edit requirements cannot be paid until discrepancies have been resolved. To verify that the claim is in error, the MMIS assigns a status of "Suspend" which will outline the problem to resolve the issue. Claims will suspend for a variety of reasons; however, the most common reasons for claims to suspend are due to beneficiary eligibility, provider eligibility or the claim must be manually priced. Claims that suspend should not be re-submitted. If a second claim is submitted while the initial claim is in a suspended status, both claims will suspend. Please allow the suspended claim to be processed and to be reported on the RA as paid or denied before additional action is taken.

Conduent and DHCF resolve all pending claims. The RA will only state that the claim is suspended and will not give a reason.

## 10.6 Timely Filing

All services to be reimbursed must be billed on the appropriate form, signed, and submitted to Conduent or in the case of presumptive eligibility, DHCF. All hard copy claims must be mailed to their respective P.O. Box, unless otherwise instructed.

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) received approval from the Department of Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the Medicaid State Plan regarding timely filing of Medicaid claims. Effective October 1, 2012, the timely filing period for Medicaid claims is 365 days from date of service.

Secondary and tertiary Medicaid claims submitted for payment must be submitted within 180 days from the payment date from Medicare or the third-party payer. The Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement must be attached to the claim.

For claims submitted on or after October 1, 2012, DHCF will not pay any claim with a date of service that is greater than three hundred and sixty-five (365) days prior to the date of submission. All claims for services submitted after 365 days from the date of service will not be eligible for payment. In addition, the amendment outlines the following exceptions to the 365-day timely filing requirement:

- When a claim is filed for a service that has been provided to a beneficiary whose eligibility has been determined retroactively, the timely filing period begins on the date of the eligibility determination.
- Where an initial claim is submitted within the timely filing period but is denied and resubmitted after the end of the timely filing period, the resubmitted claim shall be considered timely filed provided it is received within 365 days of the denial of the initial claim.
- If a claim for payment under Medicare or third-party payer has been filed in a timely manner, DHCF may pay a Medicaid claim relating to the same services within 180 days of a Medicare or third-party payer's payment.

This amendment to the State Plan applies to all DC Medicaid public, private and out of state providers who submit claims to DHCF.

To avoid denial, all hard copy and electronically submitted claims must be received within 365 days of the date of service.



## 11 BILLING INFORMATION

This section provides general billing information for use by providers when submitting claims.

### 11.1 Billing Procedures

Providers must supply their own standard claim form for the services provided. Conduent distributes Prior Authorization (719A) and Medicaid Laboratory Invoice for Ophthalmic Dispensing forms upon request.

The following claim forms are approved for filing claims for goods or services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries:

- CMS1500
- ADA 2012 Dental Form
- UB-04

#### 11.1.1 Form Availability

CMS1500 and UB04 claim forms may be obtained from office supply stores (i.e., Staples, Office Depot, etc.) and Government Printing Office. The ADA Dental claim form must be obtained from the American Dental Association.

#### 11.1.2 Procedure and Diagnosis Code Sources

The procedure coding system recognized by the Medicaid Program is the Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) as adopted by DHCF. The HCPCS consists of current year CPT-4 codes and HCFA codes.

Diagnosis numerical coding is required based on the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM). Refer to Appendix A for address and contact information.

### 11.2 Electronic Billing

DC Medicaid encourages transmission of claims electronically. Currently, DC Medicaid receives claims in the following media types:

- Web Portal
- EDI
- WINASAP

Conduent has implemented a Web Portal to provide tools and resources to help healthcare providers conduct their business electronically. Electronic claim submission provides for timely submission and processing of claims. It also reduces the rate of pending and denied claims.

Providers who are interested in receiving electronic billing instructions should indicate this interest on their EDI Enrollment application. Procedures specific to electronic billing are sent to providers approved to submit claims in this manner. If you are already enrolled in the program and would like information on electronic claims billing, please contact Conduent at the number and address listed in Appendix A.

### 11.3 Medicare/Medicaid Crossover Billing

When a beneficiary has been determined as dual-eligible (Medicare and Medicaid), Medicare should always be billed first. The Medicare claim must include both the patient's Medicare and Medicaid identification number. After Medicare processes the claim, the claim will be transmitted to Conduent for processing electronically. The claim must be received by Conduent no later than 180 days after the Medicare paid date as indicated on the Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOMB) statement.

If Medicare is billed for services for a beneficiary who is later identified as having Medicaid coverage, the provider should submit a copy of the Medicare claim to DC Medicaid. Again, the Medicare claim must include the patient's DC Medicaid identification number. The Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOMB) from Medicare must be attached to the claim as proof of payment or denial of payment by Medicare and submitted to Conduent for processing. Refer to Appendix A for the address to submit these claims.

For additional information on Medicare billing, go to [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare.html) or call Medicare at 800.633.4227.

## 11.4 Medicare Coinsurance and Deductibles

When billing for a Medicaid patient who is also covered by Medicare for a service that is covered by Medicare, Medicare must be billed first. After Medicare processes the claim, submit a Medicare Crossover claim to Medicaid using the UB-04 or CMS-1500 claim form. Attach the Medicare Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOMB) including the Medicare payment date to the Medicare residuals claim as proof of payment or denial by Medicare.

When billing for Part A coinsurance, you must submit: 1) A UB-04 claim form with all required fields completed; and 2) The Medicare EOMB attached, or the claim will be returned. This will allow Medicaid to utilize all diagnosis and procedure code information to determine Medicaid's payment obligation in accordance with the District's State Plan.

## 11.5 Resubmission of Denied Claims

If a claim has been denied due to reasons other than violations of good medical practice or Medicaid regulations, the claim may be resubmitted. An original claim must be submitted; copies will not be accepted. Only claims, which have appeared on your remittance advice as, denied, can be resubmitted. Claims that are still in a Pend status cannot be resubmitted until they have been denied. Resubmission of a pending claim will result in claims denying for duplicate.

Telephone and/or written claim inquiries regarding non-payment of claims should be made after 45 days from the date the claims were initially submitted to DC Medicaid. Please be certain that the claim in question has not appeared on any subsequent remittance advice before making an inquiry.

Instructions for resubmitting a denied claim are as follows:

- Claims must be received within 365 days after the date of service or in the case of inpatient hospital services, 365 days after the date of discharge. Claims must be resubmitted within 365 days of the RA date on which the claim denied for any reason(s) other than timely filing.
- Complete a new red claim form. A copy of the original claim form will be accepted if it is clear, legible and has been resigned (a copied or stamped signature will not be accepted).
- Correct any errors that caused the original claim to be denied.
- Do not write anything on the claim except what is requested. Any additional information should be submitted in writing and attached to the claim.
- Attach a copy of the Remittance Advice without staples, paper clips or colored highlighting on which the denied claim appears and any other documentation necessary to have the claim paid (e.g., consent form, isolation form). If more than one resubmitted claim appears on a page of the remittance, a copy of that page should be attached to each claim being submitted.
- Forward all resubmitted claims to the appropriate P.O. Box listed in Appendix A.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, contact Conduent Provider Inquiry at (866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area) or (202) 906-8319 (inside DC metro area).

## 11.6 Claim Appeals

A Medicaid claim may be denied for several reasons. It could be due to services not being covered under the plan, the provider submitting a claim for a much higher amount than what Medicaid pays for the

service or retro-eligibility for a beneficiary. Providers may appeal any decision made by Medicaid if you believe your claim was inappropriately denied.

Do not submit medical records with your appeal unless requested by DHCF. Requests for claim appeals should be sent to the address indicated in Appendix A.

## 12 REIMBURSEMENT

DHCF pays for compensable services and items in accordance with established Federal and District Medicaid regulations and fee schedules.

### 12.1 Maximum Fees or Rates

The maximum fees or rates shall be the lower of the provider's charge to the public, the upper limits set by Medicare, or the fees/rates established by DHCF.

### 12.2 Changes in Fees or Rates

DC Medicaid must provide the public with a 30-day notice of a fee or rate category change that affects DC Medicaid expenditures. The expenditure must be affected by one percent or more within the twelve months following the effective date of the change to apply to this provision.

The regulation recognizes the following exceptions:

- Changes affecting single providers, such as a change in the reimbursement rate for a particular hospital
- Changes in response to a court order
- Changes in the Medicare level of reimbursement
- Changes in the annual prospective payment rate
- Current methods of payment with a built-in inflation factor

### 12.3 Payment Inquiries

Providers may inquire regarding payment of claims. Inquiries must include the TCN, the RA payment date, the provider's DC Medicaid identification number or NPI (this information appears on the provider's RA). Providers should address payment inquiries to the address listed in Appendix A. Telephone inquiries will be directed to Conduent (the telephone number is included in Appendix A).

### 12.4 Coordination of Benefits

The DC Medicaid Program is a "payer of last resort" program. DC Medicaid benefits will be reduced to the extent that benefits may be available through other Federal, State, or local programs or third-party liability to which the beneficiary may otherwise be entitled. Instructions for billing DC Medicaid after the other source has made payment are contained in this manual in Section 9.4.

The DC Medicaid Program is a "payer of last resort" program. DC Medicaid benefits will be reduced to the extent that benefits may be available through other Federal, State, or local programs or third-party liability to which the beneficiary may otherwise be entitled. Verify eligibility before rendering services to ensure proper coordination of benefits. Instructions for billing DC Medicaid after the other source has made payment are contained in this manual.

#### 12.4.1 Benefit Programs

Providers must make reasonable efforts to obtain sufficient information from the beneficiary regarding primary coverage. Medical resources that are primary third parties to DC Medicaid include Medicare, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), Blue Cross & Blue Shield, commercial insurance, VA benefits, and Workman's Compensation.

#### 12.4.2 Coordination of Payment

The provider must obtain the following information to bill a third party:

- Insurer's name and address

- Policy or Group identification number
- Patient and/or patient's employer's address.

If the District of Columbia MMIS fee rate is more than the third-party fee or rate, the provider can bill DC Medicaid for the difference by submitting a claim and attaching all documentation relating to the payment. If a third-party resource refuses to reimburse the provider, DC Medicaid can be billed by receiving a claim with attached documentation relating to the refusal.

If a Medicaid beneficiary has Medicare coverage, DC Medicaid can be billed for charges that Medicare applied to the deductible and/or co-insurance. Payment will be made in accordance with the patient liability amount adjudicated by DC Medicaid.

## 12.5 Levies

The Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) has implemented a program that automatically intercepts payments to collect outstanding tax debts owed by contractors, providers and vendors doing business with the District of Columbia. The Department of Health Care Finance works with the Office of Tax and Revenue to ensure provider payments are offset until a payment agreement is in place with the Office of Tax and Revenue.

## 12.6 Paid-in-Full

Compensable service and item payments made from the DC Medicaid Program to providers are considered paid-in-full. A provider who seeks or accepts supplementary payment of any kind from the DC Medicaid Program, the beneficiary, or any other person will be required to return the supplementary payment. The provider may, however, seek supplemental payment from beneficiaries who are required to pay part of the cost (co-payment). For example, beneficiaries must pay \$1.00 for generic and \$3.00 for brand name for each prescription (original and refills) for patients who are 21 years of age or older. However, a provider may bill a Medicaid beneficiary for non-compensable service or item if the beneficiary has been notified by the provider prior to dispensing the service or item that it will not be covered by DC Medicaid.

Some charges are the beneficiary's responsibility and may be billed. The following list is not all-inclusive.

- The beneficiary is responsible for all expenses for non-covered services, such as services that are not covered under the scope of the Medicaid program, or services received more than program benefit limitations. The beneficiary is responsible for services received during a period of ineligibility. Before rendering non-covered services, the beneficiary must be informed of the pending charges.
- Any applicable cost-sharing amount applied by the Medicaid program is the responsibility of the beneficiary.
- Beneficiaries enrolled in managed care programs that insist upon receiving services that are not authorized by the primary care provider (PCP) may be required to pay for such services.
- The beneficiary, or responsible adult, is held accountable and responsible for knowingly allowing or continuing to allow an unauthorized person to use a Medicaid card or beneficiary's identity to obtain benefits otherwise not allowed. Any charges to or payments by DHCF for services requested and/or received to defraud the provider of services and/or Medicaid are billable to the cardholder or his/her responsible party, or the imposter.

Crossover claims pay at the lesser amount based upon the formulas listed below by claim type:

Table 2: Crossover Pricing Logic

Claim Type	Pricing Logic	Example
Medicare Part-B (CMS1500)	Reimbursement amount will equal the lesser of (MEDICARE COINSURANCE + MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE) OR (MEDICAID ALLOWED AMOUNT –MEDICARE PAID)	Coinsurance: \$29.60 Medicare Deductible: \$0.00  Medicaid allowed charges: \$138.98 Medicare Paid: \$118.38 Difference: \$20.60 Provider payment = \$20.60
Medicare Part-B (CMS1500) Other	Reimbursement amount will equal the lesser of (MEDICARE COINSURANCE + MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE) OR (MEDICAID ALLOWED AMOUNT –MEDICARE-PAID)	Coinsurance: \$22.10 Medicare Deductible: \$0.00  Medicaid allowed charges: \$22.00 Medicare Paid: \$27.90 Difference: -\$5.90 Claim denies for 5318 - calculated ALLOWED AMOUNT is zero or the calculated ALLOWED AMOUNT less TPL is zero
FQHC Medicare Part B (CMS-1500) QMB Beneficiaries	Reimbursement amount will be full coinsurance and deductible.	
Outpatient Crossover	Reimbursement-amount will equal the lesser of (MEDICARE COINSURANCE + MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE) OR (MEDICAID ALLOWED AMOUNT –MEDICARE PAID)	Coinsurance: \$18.57 Medicare Deductible: \$0.00  Medicaid allowed charges: \$137.01 Medicare Paid: \$74.25 Difference: \$62.76 Provider payment = \$18.57
LTC/Inpatient Crossover	Lesser than amount rules do not apply. Reimbursement amount will be full coinsurance and deductible.	

Providers are prohibited from billing for any patient responsibility for a beneficiary dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid.

## 12.7 Method of Payment

The DC Medicaid Program makes direct payments to eligible providers for compensable medical care and related items dispensed to eligible beneficiaries. To be reimbursed for an item or service, the provider must be eligible to provide the item or service on the date it is dispensed, and the beneficiary must be eligible to receive the item or service on the date the item or service was furnished. Payment shall not be made to a provider directly or by power of attorney.

**12.7.1 Reassignment**

DC Medicaid will not make payment to a collection agency or a service bureau to which a provider has assigned his accounts receivable; however, payment may be made if the provider has reassigned his claim to a government agency or if the reassignment has been ordered by a court.

**12.7.2 Business Agents**

DC Medicaid will not make payment to a billing service or accounting firm that receives payment in the name of or for the provider.

**12.7.3 Employers**

DC Medicaid will pay a practitioner through his employer if he is required, as a condition of his employment, to turn over his fees. Payment may also be made to a facility or other entity operating an organized health care delivery system if a practitioner has a contract under which the facility or entity submits the claim.

## 13 MEDICAL REVIEW

The Office of the Medical Director's mission is to continuously improve the safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and equality of health care received by individuals served by DHCF programs. The Department of Health Care Finance conducts medical necessity, prior authorization reviews, and individual consideration determinations. The Medical Director's office is responsible for prior authorization procedures for organ transplantations which include:

- Liver transplantation
- Heart transplantation
- Kidney transplantation
- Allogeneic bone marrow transplantation
- Lung transplantation
- Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
- Left ventricular assist device (LVAD)

### 13.1 Consent for Sterilization

The Consent for Sterilization form is required of all providers involved in the sterilization procedure. The Consent for Sterilization form has four parts (listed below) that should be completed and submitted with the claim when billing for reimbursement.

- Consent to Sterilization
- Interpreter's Statement (if applicable)
- Statement of person Obtaining Consent
- Physician's Statement

Some general guidelines when filing sterilization claims:

- The beneficiary must be 21 years old when the consent form is signed.
- The consent form is valid for 180 days from the date it was signed by the patient.
- There must be at least a 30-day waiting period between the date the beneficiary signs the form and the date of surgery. If an emergency arises, the sterilization may be performed after 72 hours have elapsed from the time the beneficiary signed the form.

If information is incorrect or if the most current sterilization form is not completed the claim will deny.

The most current consent form is available at CMS (<https://www.hhs.gov/opa/sites/default/files/consent-for-sterilization-english-updated.pdf>) or on the Web Portal at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com) under Provider Information and Forms.



## 14 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Procedures to follow for prior authorization are described in this section.

### 14.1 Written Request

DHCF requires written prior authorization for some medical services. If a service or item requires prior authorization, the provider must submit a Prior Authorization Request/Approval to DHCF. If DHCF approves the request, the provider will receive a prior authorization number. If DHCF denies the request, the service or item will not be considered for reimbursement.

Written prior authorization is required for the following:

- Services provided by an out-of-District non-participating DME vendor
- Durable medical equipment more than \$500.00
- Medical supplies more than specific limitations
- Inpatient hospitalizations for medically necessary dental procedures (cosmetic procedures are not covered services)
- Prosthetic or orthotic appliances more than specific limitations

### 14.2 Verbal Request

DHCF will give verbal prior authorization for some medical services. If DHCF grants a verbal prior authorization, the provider will be given a prior authorization number. If DHCF denies a verbal prior authorization, the service or item will not be considered for reimbursement. Non-emergency transportation services are referred to the DHCF transportation broker. (Refer to Appendix A for contact information.)

### 14.3 Authorization Waiver

All prior authorization requirements are temporarily waived in emergency situations. A situation is considered an emergency if an item or service is critical to the health, or required to sustain the life, of the beneficiary. When the emergency ends, the provider must adhere to prior authorization requirements.

### 14.4 Authorization Procedures

Based on policy and procedures, certain dental procedures require prior authorization. Providers should submit a 719A Prior Authorization form, as well as the dentists' pre-treatment estimate for prior authorization.

The 719A form is the physician or authorized prescriber's written prescription for services and/or supplies. The provider intending to fill the prescription (e.g., for a wheelchair, etc.) and then seek reimbursement for the service or product must submit the 719A form to DC Medicaid or its designated agent for prior authorization, if required. **The 719A form is effective for one (1) year from the date of the physician's signature and needs to be renewed annually.** The 719A form may be requested from Conduent or viewed and downloaded on the DHCF website. See Appendix A for contact information related to Conduent and the DHCF web address. Instructions on how to complete the 719A form are in Appendix B. See Appendix C for directions on where to submit PA requests via the 719A form.

The prescribing clinician shall ensure that Form 719(A) and any supporting documentation describe the beneficiary's condition and include, at minimum:

- The diagnosis related to the need for the DMEPOS item.
- Any complicating medical conditions.
- A description of functional abilities and limitations, using assessments based on the standards described in § 997.8.

The anticipated duration of the condition.

- Physical examination findings; and
- The potential for rehabilitation, if applicable.

All fields must be completed accurately to prevent processing delays or having the form returned to you. Upon receipt of the form, the following information should have been completed by the physician or authorized prescriber:

1. Patient information
2. Prescribing provider information
3. Diagnosis code
4. Justification which should include the how the service will be used in the beneficiary's environment, including the beneficiary's or caregiver's ability, willingness, and motivation to use the product and the requested date of service for the service/product.
5. Must be signed and dated by the physician or authorized prescriber

If the above information is not on the form and correct when it is received, it is the billing provider's responsibility to contact the physician and/or authorized prescriber to obtain the necessary information.

## 14.5 Determining Medical Necessity

**Providers should consult the fee schedule to determine if the procedure code requires prior authorization.**

Medical necessity or a medically necessary service is defined as medical, surgical, or other services required for the prevention, diagnosis, cure, or treatment of a health-related illness, condition or disability including services necessary to prevent a detrimental change in either medical, behavioral, mental, or dental health status. Only supplies, equipment, appliances, and services that are determined as medically necessary by the Department of Health Care Finance or its contracted representative are covered.

Services determined as medically necessary must be:

1. Appropriate to the individual's physical, mental, developmental, psychological, and functional health
2. Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, setting and duration
3. Reasonable and necessary part of the beneficiary's treatment plan
4. Not furnished for the convenience of the beneficiary's family, attending practitioner or other practitioner or supplier
5. Be necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards (i.e., not experimental, or investigational)
6. Be established as safe and effective for the beneficiary's treatment protocol
7. Be furnished at the most appropriate level that is suitable for use in the beneficiary's home environment

## 14.6 Required Documentation

In addition to confirming medical necessity, the following documents are required.

1. **Prior Authorization Form (PA 719A form):** This form is used by physicians and authorized prescribers to order durable medical equipment, supplies, services (i.e., home care, dental, optical) that are necessary to treat a health care condition. This serves as the beneficiary's prescription.
2. The **Letter of Medical Necessity** provides DC Medicaid with a visual image of the patient's needs. This letter is issued by the physician or authorized prescriber.
3. **Evaluation/Assessment** is submitted if necessary.

4. **Plan of Treatment** medically justifies the necessity for all supplies, equipment, and/or service under this program and must be attached to the 719A form.

## 14.7 Completing the UB04 Claim Form

The Uniform Bill, UB-04 claim form must be completed by hospital providers billing for dialysis services. These instructions have been coordinated and compared to the instructions provided in the District of Columbia UB-04 Billing Providers Manual issued by the Uniform Billing Task Force. Provider billing claims electronically, please refer to the UB-04 EDI manual.

**Note: All paper CMS1500 and UB04 claims received on and after May 1, 2010, must be submitted on the original red and white claim form. Red claims forms may be purchased from any office supply store or the Government Printing Office. Black and white versions of the claim forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the providers (RTP) with a request to resubmit on the proper claim form.**

Table 3: UB04 Claim Form Instructions

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
1	Required	Provider Name, Address, and Telephone Number	Billing Provider Name, Address and Telephone Number: Enter the agency name, street, city, state, zip code, and telephone number.  Line 1 – Provider Name Line 2 – Provider Street Address Line 3 – Provider City, State, Zip +4 Line 4 – Provider Telephone
2	Not Required	Pay-to Name, Address, and Secondary ID Fields	Enter the address information of the pay-to provider if it is different than the billing provider identified in field locator 1.
3A	Optional	Patient Control Number (PCN)	Enter the patient's account number assigned by the provider to facilitate retrieval of the individual's account of services. If the patient's account number is listed on the claim, it will appear on the remittance advice.
3B	Required if applicable	Medical/Health Record Number	Enter the patient's medical record number (limited to ten digits) assigned by the home health agency.
4	Required	Type of Bill	Enter the three-digit type of bill code. This field has been expanded from three to four characters with zero being the first digit. Claims will be processed based on the last three digits.  The type of bill code requires one digit each in the following sequence: 1st: zero (0) 2nd: type of facility 3rd: bill classification 4th: frequency  Type of facility – 2nd digit 1: Hospital 8: Special Facility (Ambulatory Surgery Center)  Bill Classification – 3rd digit

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			<p>1: Inpatient (including Medicare Part A)            2: Inpatient (for hospital referenced diagnostic services)            3: Outpatient            4: Non-patient laboratory specimen</p> <p>Frequency – 4th digit            0: Non-payment/Zero charges claim            1: Admit through discharge claim            2: Interim – first claim            3: Interim – continuing claim            4: Interim – last claim            5: Late charge(s) only claim            7: Adjustment            8: Void</p> <p>Note: If the type of bill ends with '1' (i.e., 111, 331, etc.) or '4' (i.e., 114, 334, etc.), the patient status <u>cannot</u> be 30 (still a patient) or 09 (admit to hospital). If the type of bill ends with '2' (i.e., 112, 332, etc.) or '3' (i.e., 113, 333, etc.) the patient status <u>must be</u> 30 (still a patient) or 09 (admit to hospital).</p>
5	Not Required	Federal Tax Number	Enter the TIN or EIN
6	Required	Statement Covers Period	Enter the beginning and ending dates of service billed in MMDDYY format.
7	Not Required	Unlabeled	Leave this field blank
8b	Required	Patient Name/Identifier	Enter the patient's name as it appears on the Medical Assistance Card in last name, first name, middle initial format.
9a	Not Required	Patient Address	Enter the patient's street address
9b	Not Required	Patient Address	Enter the patient's city
9c	Not Required	Patient Address	Enter the patient's state
9d	Not Required	Patient Address	Enter the patient's zip code
9e	Not Required	Patient Address	Enter the patient's country code
10	Required	Patient Birth date	Enter patient's date of birth in MMDDYYYY format
11	Required	Patient Sex	<p>Indicate the patient's gender</p> <p>M: Male            F: Female            U: Unknown</p>
12	Not Required	Admission Date	Enter the date the patient was admitted for care in MMDDYY format.

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline																								
13	Required if applicable	Admission HR (hour)	<p>Enter the appropriate code identifying the hour the patient was admitted for care.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>00 12:00-12:59 (Midnight)</td> <td>12 12:00-12:59 (Noon)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01 01:00-01:59</td> <td>13 01:00-01:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 02:00-02:59</td> <td>14 02:00-02:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03 03:00-03:59</td> <td>15 03:00-03:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>04 04:00-04:59</td> <td>16 04:00-04:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05 05:00-05:59</td> <td>17 05:00-05:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06 06:00-06:59</td> <td>18 06:00-06:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07 07:00-07:59</td> <td>19 07:00-07:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08 08:00-08:59</td> <td>20 08:00-08:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09 09:00-09:59</td> <td>21 09:00-09:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 10:00-10:59</td> <td>22 10:00-10:59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 11:00-11:59</td> <td>23 11:00-11:59</td> </tr> </table>	00 12:00-12:59 (Midnight)	12 12:00-12:59 (Noon)	01 01:00-01:59	13 01:00-01:59	02 02:00-02:59	14 02:00-02:59	03 03:00-03:59	15 03:00-03:59	04 04:00-04:59	16 04:00-04:59	05 05:00-05:59	17 05:00-05:59	06 06:00-06:59	18 06:00-06:59	07 07:00-07:59	19 07:00-07:59	08 08:00-08:59	20 08:00-08:59	09 09:00-09:59	21 09:00-09:59	10 10:00-10:59	22 10:00-10:59	11 11:00-11:59	23 11:00-11:59
00 12:00-12:59 (Midnight)	12 12:00-12:59 (Noon)																										
01 01:00-01:59	13 01:00-01:59																										
02 02:00-02:59	14 02:00-02:59																										
03 03:00-03:59	15 03:00-03:59																										
04 04:00-04:59	16 04:00-04:59																										
05 05:00-05:59	17 05:00-05:59																										
06 06:00-06:59	18 06:00-06:59																										
07 07:00-07:59	19 07:00-07:59																										
08 08:00-08:59	20 08:00-08:59																										
09 09:00-09:59	21 09:00-09:59																										
10 10:00-10:59	22 10:00-10:59																										
11 11:00-11:59	23 11:00-11:59																										
14	Required if applicable	Type of Admission	<p>Enter the appropriate type of admission code for inpatient claims.</p> <p>1: Emergency                  2: Urgent                  3: Elective                  4: Newborn                  9: Information not available</p>																								
15	Required if applicable	Source of Referral	<p>Enter the appropriate source of admission code for inpatient claims.</p> <p>For emergency, elective, or other type of admission                  1: Physician referral/Normal delivery                  2: Clinic referral/Premature delivery                  3: HMO referral/Sick baby                  4: Transfer from a hospital/Extramural birth                  5: Transfer from a skilled nursing facility                  6: Transfer from another health care facility                  7: Emergency room                  8: Court/law enforcement                  9: Information not available                  A: Transfer From Rural Primary Hospital                  B: Transfer from another home health                  C: Readmit to same home health                  D: Transfer from same hospital inpatient                  E: Transfer from ambulatory surgical center                  F: Transfer from hospice</p>																								
16	Not Required	Discharge Hour	<p>Enter the appropriate code identifying the hour the patient was discharged.</p>																								
17	Required	Patient Status	<p>Enter the code that identifies the patient's status as of the statement covers through date.</p> <p>01: Discharge to home or self-care (routine discharge)                  02: Discharged/transferred to another short-term general hospital for inpatient care                  03: Discharged/transferred to skilled nursing facility</p>																								

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			04: Discharged/transferred to an intermediate care facility 05: Discharged/transferred to another type of institution for inpatient care or referred for outpatient services to another institution 06: Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization 07: Left against medical advice or discontinued care 08: Discharged/transferred to home under care of a Home IV provider 09: Admitted as an inpatient to this hospital 20: Expired 21: Discharge/Transfer to Court/Law Enforcement 30: Still a patient 31: Still a patient – defined by State 40: Expired at home (Medicare hospice claim only) 41: Expired in a medical facility (e.g., hospital, SNF, ICF, or freestanding hospice) (Medicare hospice claims only) 42: Expired – place unknown 50: Discharged to Hospice – Home 51: Discharged to Hospice – Medical Facility (certified) providing hospice level of care 61: Discharged/transferred within the institution to a hospital-based, Medicare-approved swing bed 62: Discharged/transferred to inpatient rehabilitation facility, including rehabilitation distinct part units of a hospital 63: Discharged/transferred to a Medicare –certified long-term care hospital 64: Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid, but not under Medicare 65: Discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital 70: Discharged/transferred to another type of health care institution not defined in code list
18 - 28	Required if applicable	Condition Codes	Enter the code(s) used to identify conditions relating to the bill.  02: Condition is employment related 03: Patient covered by insurance reflected here 05: Lien has been filed 08: Beneficiary would not provide information concerning other insurance charges 09: Neither patient or spouse is employed 10: Patient and/or spouse is employed but no EGHP exists 11: Disability and Beneficiary but no LGHP 12: General Care Patient in a special unit 13: CORF services provided offsite A1: EPSDT/CHAP A2: Physically Handicapped Children's Program

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			A3: Special federal funding A4: Family planning A5: Disability A7: Induced abortion danger to life A8: Induced abortion victim rape/incest  Refer to the Uniform Billing Manual for a complete listing of codes.
29	Not Required	ACDT State	Enter 2-digit state abbreviation where the accident occurred.
31 - 34	Required if applicable	Occurrence Codes and Dates	Enter the appropriate code(s) and date(s).  01: Auto accident 02: No-fault insurance involved 03: Accident/tort liability 04: Accident/employment related 05: Other accident 06: Crime victim 09: Start of Infertility Treatment Cycle 24: Date insurance denied 25: Date benefits terminated by Primary Payer 27: Date Home Health Plan established 35: Date Treatment Started from P.T. 36: Date of Inpatient Hospital Discharge for Covered Transplant Patient 42: Date of discharge 43: Scheduled Date of Consulted Surgery 44: Date Treatment Started for O.T. 45: Date Treatment Started for S.T.
35 - 36	Not Required	Occurrence Span Codes and Dates	Enter the code and related dates that identify an event that relates to the payment of the claim.  17: Prior Stay Dates 27: Date Home Health Plan established MO: PRO/UR approved stay dates M2: Inpatient respite dates
38	Not required	Responsible Party Name and Address (Claim Address)	Enter the name and address of the party to whom the claim is being submitted
39 - 41	Required if applicable	Value Codes	Enter the appropriate value code and amount.  14: No Fault including auto/other 21: Catastrophic 22: Surplus 23: Recurring monthly income 24: Medicaid rate code 37: Pints of blood furnished 38: Blood deductible pints 39: Pints of blood replaced 45: Accident Hour (Enter the hour code from the table shown for LOCATOR 13) 80: Covered days

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			82: No Other Coverage 83: Billed and Paid 84: Billed and Not Paid A1: Deductible Medicare Payer A B1: Deductible Medicare Payer B C1: Deductible Medicare Payer C A2: Coinsurance Medicare Payer A B2: Coinsurance Medicare Payer B C2: Coinsurance Medicare Payer C
42	Required	Rev. Code	Enter the revenue code that identifies the specific accommodation, ancillary service, or billing calculation. <b>On the last line, enter 0001 for the total.</b>  Refer to the Uniform Billing Manual for listing of revenue codes.
43	Required if applicable	Description	Enter the 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) when billing for physician administered drugs in an outpatient setting.
44	Required	HCPCS/Rates/HIPPS Code	Enter the appropriate CPT or HCPCS code relevant to the accommodation revenue code entered for the services being billed (see field 42 for more info).
45	Required	Serv. Date	Enter the dates of service if billing for hospital outpatient services
45 (line 23)		Page _ of _ Creation Date	Enter the appropriate page number and total number of pages associated with the claim. For example, Page 2 of 4.  Enter the date the claim was created or prepared for submission.
46	Required	Serv. Units	Enter the total number of covered accommodation days or ancillary units of service for each revenue code billed as appropriate
47	Required	Total Charges	Enter the total charges for each related revenue/procedure code.  Enter the grand total charges at the bottom of this field to be associated with revenue code 001.
48	Required if applicable	Non-covered charges	Enter the charges for any non-covered services
50	Required	Payer Name	As applicable, enter the name of the beneficiary's primary, secondary, and tertiary insurance on lines A, B, and C.  For claims with no TPL, DC Medicaid is entered on line A.
51A-C	Not Required	Health Plan ID	Enter the nine-digit Medicaid provider number
52A-C	Not Required	Rel. Info	Enter the appropriate code indicating if a signed statement from the patient or the patient's legal representative permitting the provider to release data to another organization.



Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
53A-C	Not Required	ASG. BEN.	Enter the appropriate code indicating that a signed form authorizing the third-party payer to remit payment directly to the provider.  N: No W: Not applicable Y: Yes
54A-C	Required if applicable	Prior Payments	Enter payment received from any other insurance carrier.
55A-C	Not Required	Est. Amount Due	Enter the amount estimated by the provider to be due from the indicated payer
56	Required	Billing Provider NPI	Enter the National Provider Identifier for the billing provider
58A-C	Required	Insured's Name	As applicable, enter the insured's name for the primary, secondary, and tertiary insurance on lines A, B, and C according to proper billing order.  On the line that shows payer, Medicaid, enter the beneficiary's name exactly as it appears on the Medical Assistance card.
59A-C	Required	P. Rel	Enter the appropriate code indicating the relationship of the patient to the identified insured.  01: Spouse 18: Self 19: Child 20: Employee 21: Unknown 39: Organ Donor 40: Cadaver Donor 53: Life Partner G8: Other Relative
60A-C	Required	Insured's Unique ID	Enter the insured's ID for the plans listed in 50 A, B, and C that relates to the insured's name in 58 A, B, and C.  Enter the patient's Medicaid ID as it appears on their Medical Assistance Card omitting the leading zeroes in the field that corresponds with DC Medicaid
61A-C	Required if applicable	Insured Group Name	As applicable, enter the group name of the recipient's primary, secondary, and tertiary insurance on lines A, B, and C, according to the proper billing order.  Do not enter a group name on the line that shows payer "Medicaid".
62A-C	Required if applicable	Insurance Group Number	As applicable, enter the group number of the recipient's primary, secondary, and tertiary insurance on lines A, B, and C, according to the proper billing order.

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			Do not enter a group number on the line that shows payer "Medicaid".
63A-C	Required if applicable	Treatment Authorization Code	Enter the 10-digit prior authorization number
64A-C	Required if applicable	Document Control Number	Enter the transaction control number (TCN) of the original claim for proof of timely filing on a resubmission of a claim.
65A-C	Required if applicable	Employer Name	Enter the name of the employer that could provide a source of third-party insurance payment
66	Required	DX Version	Enter the qualifier that denotes the version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) reported. A value of 9 indicates ICD-9; a value of 0 indicates ICD-10.
67	Required	Principal Diagnosis Code	<p>Enter the principal diagnosis code(s) provided at the time of admission as stated by the physician</p> <p>The POA indicator is reported on the eighth digit of Field Locator (FL) 67, principal diagnosis, and on the eighth digit of each of the secondary diagnosis fields, FL 67 A-Q.</p> <p>The valid POA indicator codes are:  Y = Diagnosis was present at time of inpatient admission  N = Diagnosis was not present at time of inpatient admission  U = Documentation insufficient to determine if condition was present at the time of inpatient admission  W = Clinically undetermined. Provider unable to clinically determine whether the condition was present at the time of inpatient admission</p> <p><i>Blank</i> - Unreported/not used. Diagnosis is exempt from POA reporting</p> <p>Note: For ASC X12N 837 Institutional (837I). The POA indicator is reported in segment HI in the 2300 loop, data element C022-09.</p>
67A -Q	Required if applicable	Other DX codes and POA indicator	Enter the additional diagnosis code(s) provided at the time of admission as stated by the physician
69	Required	Admit DX code	Enter the diagnosis code provided at the time of admission as stated by the physician
70A - C	Not Required	Patient's reason DX	Enter the diagnosis code indicating the patient's reason for visit at the time of outpatient registration
71	Not Required	PPS Code	Enter the Prospective Payment System (PPS) code assigned to the claim to identify the DRG based on the grouper software called for under contract with the primary payer

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
72A -C	Not Required	ECl	Enter the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code pertaining to external cause of injuries, poisoning, or adverse effect.
74	Required if applicable	Principal Procedure Code and Date	Enter the appropriate surgical procedure code if the operating room was used. Record the date in MMDDYY format.
74a-e	Required if applicable	Other procedure codes and dates	Enter the appropriate ICD-10-CM surgical procedure code if the operating room was used. Record the date in MMDDYY format.
76	Required if applicable	Attending NPI/Qual Last/First	Enter the NPI of the attending provider.  If the attending provider is atypical, leave this field blank. Instead enter the Medicaid provider number to the right-hand side of the "qualifier" box. Enter "G2" in the qualifier box.
77	Not Required	Operating provider	Enter the NPI of the provider performing surgery, as well as the last name/first name  If the operating provider is atypical, leave this field blank. Instead enter the Medicaid provider number to the right-hand side of the "qualifier" box. Enter "G2" in the qualifier box.
78 - 79	Not Required	Other (A or B) provider	Enter the NPI of the other provider (e.g., referring, ordering, assisting provider, etc.), as well as the last name/first name. If Referring enter DN as qualifier code for Other in field 79, then the Referring Provider's NPI and Last, First name  If the other provider (e.g., referring, ordering, assisting provider, etc.) is atypical, leave this field blank. Instead enter the Medicaid provider number to the right-hand side of the "qualifier" box. Enter "G2" in the qualifier box.
80	Required if applicable	Remarks	If submitting an adjustment or void of a previously paid claim, enter the 17-digit transaction control number of the paid claim to be adjusted or voided along with the appropriate adjustment/void reason code in this field. 011 RETRO RATE CHG / NO CUTBACK 014 PROV CLAIM FILING CORRECTION 019 POS PROV FILE CORR/LEGAL SETT 022 FISCAL AGENT CLM PROCESS ERROR 068 PROVIDER REFUND/CLM OVERPAYMNT 069 PROV RFND/OVERPAY FISC ERROR 070 PROV REFUND FOR HEALTH INSUR 071 PROV REFUND FOR CASUALTY INS 081 PROV CLAIM CORR/CLM FILED ERR 082 CLM VOID/FISC AGENT PROC ERROR 083 CLM VD/PD IN ERROR/RCP INCORRE 084 CLM VD/PD ERROR/PROV FIL INCOR 085 CLM VD/PD ERROR/INCORRECT PROV 086 CLAIM VOID MEDICARE RECOVERY

Form Locator	Requirement	Field Description	Guideline
			088 REFUND - PROVIDER ERROR 089 REFUND- FISCAL AGENT ERROR 090 PROV RTRN CHK/PD FOR INC BENE 099 PROV RETURN CHK/ INCORR PROV 101 VOID PAYMENT TO PIP HOSPITAL 102 ACCOMMODATION CHARGE CORRECT 103 PATIENT PAYMENT AMT CHANGED 104 PROCEDURE SERVICE DATES FIX 105 CORRECTING DIAGNOSIS CODE 106 CORRECTING CHARGES 107 UNIT VISIT STUDIES PRCD FIX 108 RECONSIDERATION OF ALLOWANCE 109 FIX ADMIT REFER PRESC PROVIDER 110 CORRECTING TOOTH CODE 111 CORRECTING SITE CODE 112 CORRECT TRANSPORTATION DATA 113 INPATIENT DRG 114 ADJUSTING PATIENT LEVEL CARE 115 RECOVERY BASED ON PRO REVIEW 116 ADJUSTED FOR RECP BEDHOLD DAYS 117 MANUAL CAPITATION VOID CLAIMS 118 REPROCESSED CLAIMS 119 AUTO RECOUPMENT SYSTEM ERROR 120 AUTO RECOUPMENT SYSTEM CHANG 121 PCG SERVICES 300 BENEFICIARY DECEASED - New
81A - D		CC	Enter the taxonomy code of the billing/pay-to-provider preceded by the B3 qualifier.

All claims submitted without a NPI number for the physician or APRN prescribing the service and Personal Care Aide delivering the service will be denied. DHCF will also retroactively monitor for the appropriate use of NPIs when staffing agencies are used. Claims that do not include an NPI for a staffing agency when a staffing agency is used will be subject to a recoupment of the Medicaid payment amount. Refer to Transmittal #12-08 for additional information.

### 14.7.1 Electronic Billing

Medicaid will accept UB-04 claims on cartridge, diskette or transmitted electronically. Providers who are interested in receiving instructions on electronic transmission should indicate this interest on the enrollment application. If the provider is already enrolled, please notify the Conduent EMC Coordinator listed in Appendix A.

### 14.7.2 Private Room

Medicaid will reimburse private room charges if certification of medical necessity is attached to the claim (i.e., isolation statement), or if facility only has private room accommodations. In this case, a confirmation letter is required.

### 14.7.3 Newborn Care

All mother and newborn hospital stays must be billed on a separate UB-04 claim form. The following modifications are required when billing for affected newborn/infant services and procedures:

Claims must be submitted on paper; not electronic.

Claims must be clearly identified as services for a newborn/infant and ~~be~~ using the mother's Medicaid identification number. To facilitate this identification, providers must include in LOCATOR 84 the word, "**NEWBORN.**"

This claims process is in effect for newborns until they are assigned an individual Medicaid number. Medicaid providers are to provide care for newborns regardless of whether the newborn has an individual Medicaid number.

#### **14.7.4 Newborn Birth Weight on UB04**

When billing newborn inpatient stays where the birth weight influences the DRG assignment, the birth weight must be indicated by using the appropriate diagnosis code to the fifth digit, such as 765.19 – preterm NEC 2500+g. With the new AP-DRG grouper (v26) DRG assignment is determined by the diagnosis and procedure codes, not the condition code.

### **14.8 Billing for Chemotherapy Related Services**

When billing for chemotherapy related procedures rendered in an outpatient setting, the following must be included on the claim:

- Type of bill (TOB) code 0831
- Revenue codes 0360 or 0490 with valid procedure codes
- National drug code (NDC) if required

### **14.9 Medicare Coinsurance and Deductibles**

When billing for a Medicaid patient who is also covered by Medicare, Medicare must be billed first. After Medicare processes the claim, submit a Medicare Crossover claim to Medicaid using the UB-04 claim form. Attach the Medicare Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOMB) to the Medicare residuals claim as proof of payment or denial by Medicare.

When billing for Part A coinsurance, you must submit: 1) A UB-04 claim form with all required fields completed; and 2) The Medicare EOMB attached, or the claim will be returned. This will allow Medicaid to utilize all diagnosis and procedure code information to determine Medicaid's payment obligation in accordance with the District's State Plan. Please refer to Section 13.0 for UB-04 billing instruction.

## 15 OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SPECIFIC BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

### 15.1 Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPGs) Grouper

Effective October 1, 2014, all outpatient hospital claims will be reimbursed in accordance with the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG). DHCF will implement version 3.15 of EAPGs effective October 1, 2020. The current EAPG version is 3.13.

EAPGs are a visit-based classification system intended to reflect the utilization and type of resources of outpatient encounters for patients with similar clinical characteristics. EAPGs are used in outpatient prospective payment systems (OPPS) for a variety of outpatient settings, including hospital emergency rooms, outpatient clinics and same day surgery.

The new payment method will apply to outpatient hospital services provided by:

- In-District general acute care hospitals and specialty hospitals (psychiatric, rehabilitation, and children's hospitals) and
- Out-of-District hospitals, except for St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Maryland hospitals.

#### 15.1.1 Assigning and Paying EAPGs

The EAPG grouper evaluates CPT/HCPCS and diagnosis codes along with other information readily available on a claim to determine EAPG assignments. Procedures that are typically performed in an ambulatory setting are divided into three groups: significant procedures, ancillary services, and medical visits.

<b>Significant procedure</b>	One that is normally scheduled, constitutes the reason for the visit, and consumes most of the visit resources. Some medical services provided during that visit are assumed to be an integral part of the procedure.
<b>Ancillary services</b>	May include diagnostic tests like radiology and laboratory services as well as ancillary procedures such as immunizations.
<b>Medical visits</b>	Assigned based on primary diagnosis code. Requires an evaluation and management (E/M) CPT code and usually do not have a significant procedure. Medical visits may group into "ancillary only" if no E/M CPT code is present

If no significant procedure is performed, that episode of care may be considered a medical visit when other criteria are met such as the presence of an E/M CPT code. Visits without a significant procedure or a medical visit indicator (E/M CPT code) are considered "ancillary only" visits.

Each claim line in a visit is evaluated for an EAPG; thus, a single visit may have multiple EAPGs. The logic in the grouper will assign each line (CPT/HCPCS code) to the appropriate EAPG at the line level. All CPT/HCPCS codes claimed for a visit (same date of service) should be included on the claim. Diagnosis codes also impact EAPG assignment for some visits.

#### 15.1.2 EAPG Payment Calculations

Each CPT/HCPCS procedure code on a claim line is assigned to the appropriate EAPG at the line level. Each EAPG has an assigned relative weight. This relative weight is adjusted by the various payment mechanisms as applicable such as discounting, packaging and consolidation. The adjusted relative weight is multiplied by a conversion factor or base rate to yield the EAPG payment amount. The formula for calculating is as follows:

- EAPG payment = Adjusted EAPG relative weight \* conversion factor

- Adjusted EAPG relative weight = EAPG relative weight \* multiple significant procedure discount \* bilateral procedure discount \* terminated procedure discount \* repeat ancillary procedure discount \* other discounts

### 15.1.3 EAPG Relative Weight Payment Calculations

DC Medicaid will use version 3.13 of the national relative weights available from 3M Health Information Systems.

After examining the available options, the District opted to use the national relative weights because statistically valid District-specific relative weights are not feasible due to the District's small volume of Medicaid claims. The national relative weights are updated annually by 3M and use EAPG default settings which align more closely with the District's overall approach and goals.

### 15.1.4 Capped EAPG Payments

The current outpatient hospital payment method limits payment for some services to the lesser of the calculated amount or billed charges. Limiting payment to billed charges is typically used to control costs, particularly when the payment method is based on a percent of charges. EAPGs are a visit-based patient classification system designed to link the level of payment with the complexity of the service provided. When a sophisticated grouping algorithm is used to price claims, such as EAPGs, the result is that a hospital may be paid more than its charge on a specific claim or line and significantly less than its charge for others due to payment bundling techniques (packaged services and discounting). However, on balance the payment method is expected to be fair. A charge cap to limit payment to billed charges will not be imposed.

The payment logic for Medicare crossover claims will not be affected by EAPGs. DC Medicaid will continue to pay the lesser of these two amounts on an outpatient crossover claim:

- The Medicaid allowed amount minus the Medicare paid amount
- The Medicare co-insurance amount plus Medicare deductible amount

### 15.1.5 Payments for Radiology and Laboratory Services

Laboratory and radiology services will be processed and paid by EAPG, with some services paid zero when subject to consolidation, packaging, or discounting.

### 15.1.6 Payments for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy

Physical, occupational and speech therapy related procedures will be processed and paid by EAPGs are subject to consolidation, discounting, and packaging.

### 15.1.7 Dental Services Provided in Outpatient Hospital Setting

Outpatient hospital dental services will be processed and paid by EAPGs. The procedure codes and payment are for the facility services, not for the professional services provided by the dentist. Professional services provided by dentists (e.g., periodontist) are not included in the EAPG payment method.

### 15.1.8 Observation Room Services

Observation room services will be paid separately under the following conditions:

- Observation room services begin at the time that the physician writes the order to evaluate the patient.
- Observation services must be at least eight (8) hours and not more than 48 hours.
- Payment for observation services is based on the EAPG, regardless of the number of units (hours) billed if units billed are at least eight (8). If units are not at least eight (8), the line will group to EAPG 999 and pay zero.
- Observation room services are always packaged when a significant procedure is also billed. Under the new payment method, observation room services may be identified by

HCPCS code G0378 which groups to EAPG 450. The relative weight for this EAPG reflects the national average units (hours) greater than eight (8).

Diagnostic Table of Revenue Codes for Observation Room Services	
Dx Rev Code	Description
0254	Pharmacy: Drugs Incident to oth dx svcs
0255	Pharmacy: Drugs incident to rad
0341	Nuc Med: dx procedures
0343	Nuc Med: Dx radiopharmaceuticals
0371	Anesth: Anesthesia incident to rad
0372	Anesth: Anesthesia incident to oth dx svcs
0471	Audiology: Dx
0482	Cardiology: Stress test
0483	Cardiology: Echocardiology
0918	Behaviorl hlth svcs: Testing
0300	Lab: Gen classification
0301	Lab: Chemistry
0302	Lab: Immunology
0303	Lab: Renal patient (home)
0304	Lab: Non-routine dialysis
0305	Lab: Hematology
0306	Lab: Bacteriology & microbiology
0307	Lab: Urology
0309	Lab: Oth laboratory
0310	Lab-Pathology: Gen classification
0311	Lab-Pathology: Cytology
0312	Lab-Pathology: Histology
0314	Lab-Pathology: Reserved
0319	Lab-Pathology: Oth lab pathological
0320	Rad-Dx: Gen classification
0321	Rad-Dx: Angiocardiology
0322	Rad-Dx: Arthrography
0323	Rad-Dx: Arteriography
0324	Rad-Dx: Chest X-ray
0329	Rad-Dx: Oth rad -dx
0350	CT Scan: Gen classification
0351	CT Scan: CT -head scan
0352	CT Scan: CT-body scan
0359	CT Scan: CT -Oth
0400	Oth Imaging: Gen classification
0401	Oth imaging: Dx mammography



0402	Oth imaging: Ultrasound
0403	Oth imaging: Screening mammography
0404	Oth imaging: Positron emission tomography
0409	Oth imaging: Oth imaging svcs
0460	Pul function: Gen classification
0469	Pul function: Oth pulmonary function
0530	Osteopthc Svcs: Gen classification
0531	Osteopthc Svcs: Osteopathic ther
0539	Osteopthc Svcs: Oth osteopathic svcs
0610	MRT: Gen classification
0611	MRT: MRI -brain / brainstem
0612	MRT: MRI -spinal cord / spine
0614	MRT: MRI -Oth
0615	MRT: MRA -head & neck
0616	MRT: MRA -lower extremities
0618	MRT: MRA -Oth
0619	MRT: Oth MRT
0621	Med/surg supplies: Supplies incident to rad
0622	Med/surg supplies: Supplies incident to oth dx svcs
0623	Med/surg supplies: Surgical dressings
0624	Med/surg supplies: FDA investigational devices
0730	EKG/ECG: Gen classification
0731	EKG/ECG: Holter monitor
0732	EKG/ECG: Telemetry
0739	EKG/ECG: Oth EKG / ECG
0740	EEG: Gen classification
0920	Oth Dx Svcs: Gen classification
0921	Oth Dx Svcs: Peripheral vascular lab
0922	Oth Dx Svcs: Electromyelogram
0923	Oth Dx Svcs: Pap smear
0924	Oth Dx Svcs: Allergy test
0925	Oth Dx Svcs: Pregnancy test
0929	Oth Dx Svcs: Oth dx service

### 15.1.9 Partial Hospitalization

There are no changes to the current policy for the partial hospitalization program (PHP) services. Consistent with the District Medicaid State Plan, PHP services are not a covered outpatient hospital service, except as part of waiver services. PHP services will not be paid under the new payment method based on EAPGs.

### 15.1.10 Medical Visits

Lines billed with HCPCS/CPT codes that are designated by the EAPG grouper as medical visit indicator EAPGs will be packaged in the presence of a significant procedure. If a claim is billed with a medical visit

HCPCS/CPT code and no significant procedure is present, then the EAPG for that line will be assigned based on the principal diagnosis. Most of the HCPCS/CPT codes designated as medical visit indicator codes are evaluation and management codes.

### 15.1.11 Billing and Editing

- DHCF will continue to identify and edit claims where coding methods do not adhere to these federal guidelines under the new EAPG payment method. The National Correct Coding Initiative is a federal requirement for all Medicaid programs under the Affordable Healthcare Act.
- Professional fees revenue codes will not be eligible for payment under the EAPG payment method when billed on outpatient hospital claims (UB-04). These professional services should continue to be billed on professional claims (CMS-1500).
- An outpatient hospital visit is defined as all services billed on a single claim with the same date of service. Claims with multiple dates of service will be processed as separate EAPG visits.
- The EAPG list of inpatient-only services will be applied under the new payment method.
- The list of procedures is similar but less restrictive than the Medicare list. Lines billed with these procedures will receive zero payment.

### 15.1.12 EAPG Bundling/Packaging Methods

Bundling or packaging refers to grouping different services provided into a single payment unit. A bundled or packaged service receives no separate payment. The following bundling methods will be implemented with EAPG payment:

Packaging/Bundling	Description
<b>Packaged Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging occurs in the presence of significant procedure visits or medical visits.</li> <li>• Packaging applies only to procedures that group to ancillary, drug and DME EAPGs.</li> <li>• If a significant procedure or medical visit is not present on the visit, items on the standard packaging list may be paid separately.</li> </ul>
<b>Significant Procedure Consolidation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation refers to the collapsing of significant procedures into a single EAPG -when one significant procedure is performed, additional significant procedures may require minimal additional time or resources.</li> <li>• The procedures are ranked based on the relative weight of the EAPG.</li> <li>• There are two types:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Same significant procedure, which applies to procedures that group to the same EAPG.</li> <li>○ Clinically related significant procedure, which applies to related EAPGs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Packaging/Bundling	Description
<b>Discounting Multiple Significant Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This type of discounting refers to a reduction in the payment for an EAPG – when an unrelated significant procedure is performed multiple times during the same visit.</li> <li>Multiple significant procedure discounting is applied to procedures within the same EAPG type and across EAPG types.</li> <li>The procedures are ranked based on the relative weight of the EAPG.</li> <li>Discounting level percentages will be applied: 100, 50 and 25 percent for the first, second, third and subsequent procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>Discounting Repeat Ancillary/Drug/DME Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This type of discounting refers to a reduction in the payment for an EAPG – when non-routine ancillary procedures are repeated on the same visit.</li> <li>Discounting is applied to repeat procedures for ancillary, drug and DME procedures within the same EAPG.</li> <li>Discounting level percentages will be applied: 100 percent for the first non-routine ancillary, 50 for the first repeated ancillary and 25 percent for the second, third and subsequent repeated non-packaged procedures, respectively.</li> </ul>
<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are six EAPG significant procedure types subject to consolidation and discounting: significant procedure, physical therapy and rehabilitation, mental health and counseling, dental procedure, radiologic procedure, and other diagnostic procedure.</li> <li>3M Health Information Systems, Definitions Manual, Version 3.8.13.1, January 2013</li> </ol>	

### 15.1.13 Modifiers that Impact EAPG Payment

The EAPG grouper recognizes several modifiers which may potentially impact payment. Some modifiers are used to increase or decrease the payment amount. Some modifiers are informational and will not affect payment. However, hospitals should continue to bill using standard coding conventions when assigning modifiers.

Modifiers that Impact EAPG Payment		
Modifier	Description	Effect on EAPG Payment
Therapy modifiers GN (speech and language), GO (occupational), GP (physical)	Identify whether the therapy services were for speech, occupational or physical therapy services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No effect on payment.</li> </ul>
Anatomical modifiers and other select modifiers (E1–E4, F1–F9, FA, LT, RT T1–T9, TA, 76, 77, 91, RC, LC, LD)	Used to report procedures performed on paired organs or specific sides of the body, (e.g., eyelids, fingers, toes, arteries, kidneys, lungs, right, left) or to report the same procedure was performed more than once by the same or different physicians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No effect on payment.</li> </ul>

Modifier 25 Distinct service	Used to report significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) service by the same physician on the same day as a significant procedure or other service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical visits will be payable with a significant procedure in the presence of this modifier.</li> </ul>
Modifier 27 Multiple outpatient hospital E/M encounters	Used to report multiple outpatient hospital E/M and emergency room visits on the same day to indicate that the E/M service is a separate and distinct E/M encounter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lines billed with this modifier will be packaged and not eligible for separate payment.</li> </ul>
Modifier 59 Distinct procedural service	Used to report procedures not normally reported together and are distinct or independent from other services performed on the same day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lines billed with this modifier will not be subject to same significant procedure consolidation.</li> </ul>
Modifiers 73 and 52 Terminated procedures	Used to report that the procedures or services were not completed so that the service provided was less than usually required for the procedure as defined by the CPT/HCPCS code.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lines billed with these modifiers will be discounted by 50%</li> <li>If the line is subject to both multiple significant procedure discounts and modifiers 73/52 discount, the modifier discount will be based on the adjusted weight that results after the significant procedure discount is applied.</li> </ul>
Modifier 50 Bilateral procedure	Used to report any bilateral procedures that is performed at on both sides at the same operative session as a single line item (except when 'unilateral' or 'bilateral' is in the CPT/HCPCS description).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lines appropriately billed with this modifier will be discounted by 150%.</li> <li>If the line is subject to both multiple significant procedure discounts and a modifier 50 discount, the modifier discount will be based on the adjusted weight that results after the significant procedure discount is applied.</li> <li>Certain HCPCS codes are eligible for an independent bilateral discount (as defined in the Medicare physician fee schedule). Lines billed with a modifier 50 on these procedures will be discounted by 200%.</li> </ul>
Item at no cost or reduced cost to provider modifiers (FB, FC)	Used to report a device associated with a surgical procedure and furnished to the hospital without cost or at reduced cost (e.g., covered under warranty, replaced due to defects, samples)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No effect on payment.</li> </ul>

Never Events modifiers PA (wrong body part), PB (wrong patient) or PC (wrong surgery)	Used to report erroneous surgical or invasive procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DC current policy continues for non-payment of never event procedures and related services, as required by federal law.</li> </ul>
Note: The list of bilateral procedure codes subject to discounting are identified in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.		

## 15.2 Payment Adjustment for Provider - Preventable Conditions

The District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is implementing a new policy required by federal law that prohibits Medicaid payment for services related to provider-preventable conditions (PPCs).

The federal requirements are part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or the Affordable Care Act) which prohibited federal payments to states for Medicaid services related to health care-acquired conditions effective July 1, 2011 and required CMS to issue regulations.

On June 1, 2011, CMS published final regulations for Medicaid programs nationwide. CMS titled these provisions "Payment Adjustment for Provider-Preventable Conditions Including Health care-Acquired Conditions." The CMS rule was effective July 1, 2011; however, CMS delayed compliance enforcement until July 1, 2012, to allow Medicaid programs time to develop and complete implementation of PPC policies.

Medicaid providers will no longer be reimbursed for specific PPCs including both health care acquired conditions (HCACs) and erroneous surgical or other provider preventable conditions (OPPCs). Hence, payment will be adjusted for any portion of a provider's claim directly relating to the treatment of a specified list of HCACs that were not present upon admission to an inpatient hospital setting. This means that payments will only be adjusted if the patient did not have the condition upon admission to the hospital but acquired it during their hospital stay. In addition, no payment will be made for erroneous surgical or other invasive procedures, commonly known as OPPCs.

## 15.3 Hospital Acquired Conditions

HACs are any of the specified conditions which are present as a secondary diagnosis and acquired during the stay. For all claims submitted on or after July 1, 2012, each provider shall collect and record information related to HCACs in the present on admission (POA) indicator field and on the secondary diagnosis indicator field on all applicable claims, regardless of whether the claims are submitted in a hardcopy or electronic format.

The Medicaid HCACs are based on the list of Medicare HACs for FFY 2012 and are:

- 1) Foreign object retained after surgery
- 2) Air embolism
- 3) Blood incompatibility
- 4) Catheter associated urinary tract infection
- 5) Pressure ulcers stage III and IV (decubitus ulcers)
- 6) Vascular catheter associated infection
- 7) Mediastinitis, after coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
- 8) Falls and trauma, resulting in fractures, dislocations, intracranial injury, crushing injury, burns, and other unspecified effects of external causes
- 9) Manifestations of poor glycemic control
- 10) Surgical site infection after spine, neck, shoulder, or elbow orthopedic procedures
- 11) Surgical site infection after bariatric surgery for obesity

- 12) Deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism after total knee replacement or hip replacement, except for pediatric (individuals under the age of 21) and obstetric populations.

The following provider types shall be denied reimbursement for the portion of a claim attributed to any HCAC:

- a) All Hospitals paid on a diagnosis-related group (DRG) basis; and
- b) All Hospitals paid on a non-DRG basis.

Claims paid by DRG will be adjusted using specific HCACs logic supplied with the 3M™ AP-DRG grouper software. This process functions in a similar way as the Medicare DRG grouper logic does for the Medicare HACs.

The DHCF claims processing system will identify HCACs from the diagnosis, procedure and POA information on the claim and disregard the HCAC in assigning the AP-DRG. Payment for the stay would therefore only be affected if the presence of the HCAC would otherwise have pushed the stay into a higher-paying AP-DRG. DRG claims will continue to be priced by DRG with payment reduced if removing the HCACs results in a DRG with a lower relative weight.

Non-DRG claims will price according to existing payment methodologies for the provider (e.g., per diem). However, these claims will go through the HAC logic of the AP-DRG grouper software to determine whether the HCAC affects payment and to calculate the proper payment adjustment, if applicable. DRG assignment will be used for the purpose of identifying the effect of a HCAC on the resources needed to care for a patient.

This process will function in the same manner as for DRG claims (see question 18). If removing the HCAC results in a DRG with a lower relative weight, then payment will be affected. Payment would be adjusted by a percentage based on the difference in the DRG weights. For example:

DRG weight <u>before</u> removing the HCAC:	1.50
DRG weight <u>after</u> removing the HCAC:	1.20
Post-HCAC DRG weight as a percentage:	80%
Facility per diem rate:	\$500.00
Length of stay (LOS):	4 days
Claim price <u>before</u> removing the HCAC:	$\$500 \times 4 = \$2,000$
Claim price <u>after</u> removing the HCAC:	$(\$500 \times 4) \times (1.20 / 1.50) = (\$2,000 \times .80) = \$1,600$

## 15.4 Erroneous Surgical and OPPCs

These are surgical or other invasive procedures to treat a particular medical condition that result in an error. For all claims submitted on or after July 1, 2012, providers shall report OPPCs by using modifiers and E-codes on paper and electronic claim forms that refer to the prohibited procedures.

The Medicaid erroneous and OPPCs are:

- 1) Wrong surgical procedure.
- 2) Correct procedure performed on the wrong body part; and
- 3) Correct procedure performed on the wrong patient

The following provider types shall be denied compensation for claims associated with OPPCs:

- a) All Hospitals paid on a diagnosis-related group (DRG) basis.
- b) All Hospitals paid on a non-DRG basis; and
- c) Other providers, regardless of whether they are paid on a fee-for-service or capitated basis.

Hospital inpatient and outpatient providers should report wrong procedures using the following diagnosis codes in the fields provided for event codes:

- Y65.51 - Performance of wrong operation (procedure) on correct patient
- Y65.52 - Performance of operation (procedure) on patient not scheduled for surgery
- Y65.53 - Performance of correct operation (procedure) on wrong side/body part

In addition, facilities and practitioners should also report wrong procedures using the following CPT/HCPCS modifiers associated with the surgical procedure:

- PA - Surgical or other invasive procedure on wrong body part
- PB - Surgical or other invasive procedure on wrong patient
- PC - Wrong surgery or other invasive procedure on patient

## 15.5 Present on Admission (POA) Indicator

The present-on-admission indicator (POA) is the method that a hospital uses to identify which patient conditions were present on admission and which conditions developed while hospitalized. The POA indicator is assigned to each reported diagnosis code, for principal and secondary diagnoses. The POA must be reported for external cause of injury codes (E-codes) when the E-code is included in a secondary diagnosis code field locator (FL 67 A-Q).

For the official guidelines on how to apply the POA indicator as well as information on complete and accurate documentation, code assignment and reporting of diagnoses and procedures, please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/icd10cm\\_guidelines\\_2014.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/icd10cm_guidelines_2014.pdf) to see the *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting*.

## 15.6 Medical Abortions

The District of Columbia Medicaid Program complies with the requirements of the Hyde Amendment<sup>1</sup> regarding Medicaid coverage of medical abortions. There are only three (3) instances for which the District will reimburse Medicaid providers to provide abortions to Medicaid beneficiaries. Those three instances are: (1) when the pregnancy will endanger the woman's life; (2) when the pregnancy results from rape; or (3) when the pregnancy results from incest.

Effective immediately, the following HCPCS codes are now covered on the DC Medicaid fee schedule:

- S0190-Mefepristone 200mg
- S0191-Misoprostol 20mcg
- S0199-Medically induced abortion by oral ingestion of medication

Including all associated services and supplies (e.g., patient counseling, office visits, confirmation of pregnancy by HCG, ultrasound to confirm duration of pregnancy, and ultrasound to confirm completion of pregnancy), except the drug. The above-referenced HCPCS codes require a Prior Authorization (PA).

To obtain a P A for a medical abortion, the request shall be submitted to the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) contracted Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) via the provider portal <https://comaginepp.zeomega.com/cms/ProviderPortal/Controller/providerLogin>. The current QIO is Comagine Health. The following documents shall be submitted to constitute a request for a Medicaid-reimbursable therapeutic, elective, or medical abortion:

1. Completed 719A form
2. Verification of pregnancy
3. Verification of length of gestational period
4. Clinical justification to terminate the pregnancy in cases where the pregnancy would endanger the life the mother; and
5. Police report for cases of rape/incest.

## 15.7 Doula Benefit, Provider Qualifications and Enrollment, Rates and Reimbursement Standards

Effective October 1, 2022, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will reimburse for doula services and enroll doulas as providers in health programs (Medicaid, Alliance, and the Immigrant Children's Program). **Transmittal #22-34** outlines the scope of services, enrollment information, billing standards, and reimbursement rates for doulas.

### 15.7.1 Scope of Services

Doulas will provide services and supports to birthing parents enrolled in DHCF health programs. Specifically, doula services include up to twelve (12) visits for a person who is pregnant or in the six (6) months after their pregnancy ends. Doula services are separated into two (2) periods: the perinatal period (before, during, and up to six (6) weeks after delivery) and the doula postpartum period (beginning on the last day of pregnancy and extending through the end of the calendar month in which one hundred eighty (180) days after the end of the pregnancy falls). Doulas will be expected to use the initial visit with a beneficiary to develop a Care Plan for both the perinatal and postpartum periods.

- During the perinatal period, services include:
  - 1) Perinatal counseling and education, including infant care, to prevent adverse outcomes.
  - 2) Labor support and attendance at delivery, including the development of a birth plan; and
  - 3) Coordination with community-based services, to improve beneficiary outcomes.
- During the postpartum period, services include:
  - 1) Visits with the beneficiary to provide basic infant care.
  - 2) Accompanying the beneficiary to a clinician visit.
  - 3) Lactation support; and
  - 4) Emotional and physical support.

*Limits:* Doula services are limited to a total of twelve (12) visits per beneficiary across the perinatal and the postpartum period. Doula services are provided as preventive services in DHCF health programs and must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within their scope of practice under state law to prevent perinatal complications and/or promote the physical and mental health of the beneficiary.

### 15.7.2 Doula Provider Qualifications

Qualified doula providers must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and possess a current certification by a doula training program or organization, approved by DHCF. For more information on eligible certifications and information that doulas will have to provide to successfully enroll in the program, refer to **Transmittal #22-34**.

### 15.7.3 Doula Enrollment

To provide doula services, doulas are required to enroll as DHCF provider. This initial enrollment makes doulas eligible to serve fee-for-service Medicaid beneficiaries and allows doulas to enroll in Medicaid managed care organizations that serve Medicaid, Alliance, and ICP clients. Refer to **Transmittal #22-34** for specific enrollment information and instructions.

DHCF MCOs must establish provider agreements with and enroll doulas, as doula services are now a covered benefit for health coverage programs administered by DHCF. The addition of doula services as a covered benefit does not invalidate existing contracts between doula service providers and MCOs nor prohibit future contracts between doula service providers and MCOs.



### 15.7.4 Doula Services Rates and Billing

Once enrolled, doulas will be able to bill DHCF for services delivered to fee-for-service Medicaid clients. The following codes and rates are being added to the DHCF Fee Schedule and are intended to be used by doulas to treat their clients.

CPT Code Description	CPT Code	Modifier	Rate
Perinatal Doula Support Visit	99600	HD	\$97.04
Doula Support at Delivery HD -Vaginal Delivery	59400	HD	\$686.23
Doula Support at Delivery HD -c-section	59514	HD	\$686.23
Doula Support at Delivery HD -V-BAC	59612	HD	\$686.23
Postpartum Doula Support-15 Minute Increment	99199	HD	\$12.13
Doula Incentive Payment for Obstetric Postpartum Visit 7 to 84 Days After Labor and Delivery	99199	HD U8	\$100.00

#### 15.7.4.1 Managed Care Rates and Utilization Management

As with other provider types, DHCF will be directing managed care organization (MCO) payment of doula services by establishing minimum reimbursement rates using the rates outlined above. Doulas enrolled with MCOs will be expected to collaborate with a beneficiary's managed care case manager and the MCO's utilization management team to coordinate doula services.

### 15.7.5 Billing Medicaid for Doula Services

#### 15.7.5.1 Fee for Service

Once enrolled in the Fee for Service Medicaid program (through DHCF), doulas can bill the DHCF after logging in through the Provider Portal at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/home>. After logging in, doulas will need to select "Claims Entry", and then "CMS 1500/Medicare Part B" with the Medicaid ID of the client and the NPI of the doula. After accessing the Claims Entry form, doulas will then need to enter the appropriate billing code and modifier. Doulas may also submit claims through software provided by their employing entity or billing specialists.

#### 15.7.5.2 Managed Care

Providers should follow instructions provided by the enrollee's MCO for billing for doula services, which will be provided during the enrollment process. MCOs are required to reimburse providers at the rates published in this transmittal. Contact the appropriate MCO for more information.

## 15.8 Telemedicine Services

The D.C. Telehealth Reimbursement Act of 2013 directs Medicaid to "cover and reimburse for healthcare services appropriately delivered through telehealth if the same services would be covered when delivered in person." Per the Act, telehealth is defined as the delivery of healthcare services using interactive audio, video, or other electronic media used for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment, provided, that services delivered through audio-only telephones, electronic mail messages, or facsimile transmissions are not included. For the purposes of coverage by the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), telehealth and telemedicine shall be deemed synonymous.

The purpose of providing Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary services via telemedicine is to improve beneficiaries':

- 1) Access to healthcare services, with the aim of reducing preventable hospitalizations and emergency department utilization.
- 2) Compliance with treatment plans.
- 3) Health outcomes through timely disease detection and review of treatment options; and

- 4) Choice for care treatment in underserved areas.

Effective June 23, 2016 (for services rendered on or after that date), the District of Columbia Medical Assistance Program ("the Program") will reimburse eligible providers for eligible healthcare services rendered to Program participants via telemedicine in the District of Columbia. The Program will implement this telemedicine service for both providers and participants in the fee-for-service program. Providers must be enrolled in the Program and licensed, by the applicable Board, to practice in the jurisdiction where services are rendered. For services rendered outside of the District, providers shall meet any licensure requirements of the jurisdiction where he/she is physically located and the jurisdiction where the patient is physically located.

### **15.8.1 Telemedicine Service Model**

Telemedicine is a service delivery model that delivers healthcare services through a two-way, real time interactive video-audio communication for the purpose of evaluation, diagnosis, consultation, or treatment. Eligible services can be delivered via telemedicine when the beneficiary is at the originating site with an eligible provider at the originating site/ while the eligible "distant" provider renders services via the audio/video connection. The Program will not reimburse for service delivery using audio-only telephones, e-mail messages, or facsimile transmissions.

### **15.8.2 Participant Eligibility**

The program shall reimburse approved telemedicine providers only if participants meet the following criteria:

- 1) Participants must be enrolled in the District of Columbia Medical Assistance Program.
- 2) Participants must be physically present at the originating site at the time the telemedicine service is rendered: and
- 3) Participants must provide written consent to receive telemedicine services in lieu of face-to-face healthcare services.

### **15.8.3 Provider Site Eligibility**

An originating site shall include the following provider types and settings:

- Hospital
- Nursing Facility
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Clinic
- Physician Group/Office
- Nurse Practitioner Group/Office
- DCPS
- DCPCS
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Service (MHRS) provider, Adult Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Service (ASARS) provider, and Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion Program (ASTEP) provider certified by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and eligible to provide behavioral health services set forth under the District of Columbia Medicaid State Plan (State Plan)
- Effective March 12, 2020, the beneficiary's home or other settings identified in guidance published on the DHCF website at [dhcf.dc.gov](http://dhcf.dc.gov).

A distant site provider shall include, but is not limited to, the following provider types, including any distant site provider staff rendering services remotely:

- Hospital
- Nursing Facility
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Clinic
- Physician Group/Office
- Nurse Practitioner Group/Office

- DCPS
- DCPCS
- MHRS provider, ASARS provider, and ASTEP provider certified by DBH and eligible to provide behavioral health services set forth under the State Plan.

#### 15.8.4 Provider Reimbursement

D.C. Medicaid enrolled providers are eligible to deliver telemedicine services, using fee-for-service reimbursement, at the same rate as in-person consultations. All reimbursement rates for services delivered via telemedicine are consistent with the District's Medical State Plan and implementing regulations.

Telemedicine providers will submit claims in the same manner the provider uses for in person services. When billing for services delivered via telemedicine, distant site providers shall enter the "GT" (via real time interactive video-audio communication) procedure modifier on the claim. Additionally, the distant site provider must report the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the originating site provider in the "referring provider" portion of the claim. Services billed where telemedicine is the mode of service delivery but the claim form and/or service documentation do not indicate telemedicine (using the procedure modifiers or appropriate revenue codes and indicating the originating site provider's provider identification number) are subject to disallowances during an audit.

#### 15.8.5 Covered Services

The services include:

- Evaluation and management
- Consultation of an evaluation and management of a specific healthcare problem requested by an originating site provider
- Behavioral healthcare services including, but not limited to, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, psychotherapies, and counseling; and
- Rehabilitation services including speech therapy.

#### 15.8.6 Excluded Services

The Program will not reimburse telemedicine providers for the following:

- Incomplete delivery of services via telemedicine, including technical interruptions that result in partial service delivery
- When a provider is only assisting the beneficiary with technology and not delivering a clinical service
- For a telemedicine transaction fee and/or facility fee
- For store and forward and remote patient monitoring

#### 15.8.7 Eligible Distant Site Services under Telemedicine Coverage

CPT, HCPCS Billing Codes (or subsequent codes); Modifiers	Brief Service Description
GT+ 90791-90792	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
GT+ 90832-90834, 90836-90838	Individual psychotherapy
GT+ 90839-90840	Psychotherapy for crisis
GT+ 90845	Psychoanalysis
GT+ 90846	Family psychotherapy (without patient present)
GT+ 90847	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present)
GT+ 90853	Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group)

GT+ 92507-92508, 92521-92524	Speech therapy
GT+ 96151-96155	Health and behavior assessment
GT+ 99201-99205,99211-99215, 99221-99223,99231-99233, 99304-99306,99307-99310, 99281-99285 and 99288	Evaluation and management (office or other outpatient, initial and subsequent hospital care, initial and subsequent physician nursing home care, emergency room outpatient)
GT+ 99241-99245 99251-99255	Consultation of an evaluation and management of a specific problem requested by originating site provider
GT+ H0002	Behavioral health screening to determine eligibility for admission to treatment program
GT+ H0004	Behavioral health counseling
GT+ H0039	Assertive Community Treatment
GT+ H2022	Community-Based Wrap Around Services
GT+ T1015 SE	Clinic visit/encounter all-Inclusive
GT+ T1023	Screening to determine the appropriateness of a consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program

For additional information on telemedicine, refer to Transmittal #16-21.

## 15.9 Hepatitis C Treatment Coverage Policy

The District Medicaid program will implement effective September 1, 2022, to expand access to Hepatitis C treatment by eliminating existing barriers to orally administered Direct Acting Antivirals (DAAs) used in the current treatment of chronic Hepatitis C infections for Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Plan (MCP) enrolled beneficiaries.

### 15.9.1 Background

Eliminating Hepatitis C infections in the District is a goal of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF). Enabling access to curative treatment is a critical step in achieving equitable outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries.

When Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) medications first entered the market, DHCF initially applied clinical criteria and prior authorization (PA) requirements related to patients with a fibrosis score of F2 or higher or beneficiaries with comorbid disease conditions including HIV/AIDS. Later, DHCF, in consultation with the District's Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board, made a clinical decision to expand DAA access to patients with fibrosis scores of less than F2 and comorbid conditions (Transmittal #21-10), but the PA requirements remained in place.

### 15.9.2 New Policy

DHCF is making the following changes to its Hepatitis C Treatment Coverage Policy for orally administered Direct Acting Antivirals:

#### For Medicaid Beneficiaries diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis C:

- No minimum fibrosis score requirement for all DAAs will be imposed
- No abstinence or urine drug screen monitoring requirement for DAAs will be imposed
- No requirement that DAAs be prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist will be imposed

- DHCF will not impose any lifetime limits on treatment. However, retreatment shall be in accordance with current American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Hepatitis C treatment guidelines.

### **15.9.3 Prior Authorization**

- No prior authorization requirement will be imposed for DAAs preferred on the current Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid Preferred Drug List and/or the respective MCPs drug formularies
- Prior authorization only applies to non-preferred DAAs for FFS or DAAs that are not on the MCP drug formularies.

#### **For MCP Enrollees:**

MCPs are required to follow the policy changes published in this transmittal. Contact the appropriate MCP for more information.

- Refer to **Transmittal #22-25** for additional information.

## 16 REMITTANCE ADVICE

The remittance advice is a computer-generated document that displays the status of all claims submitted to the fiscal agent, along with a detailed explanation of adjudicated claims. This document is designed to permit accurate reconciliation of claim submissions. The remittance advice, which is available weekly, can be received electronically through the Web Portal.

- Mailer Page
- Header Page
- Provider Messages
- Claim Detail Report will include the following when applicable:
  - Paid/Denied Claims
  - Suspended Claims
  - Provider Adjustments/Legends

Figure 6: Remittance Advice Mailer Page

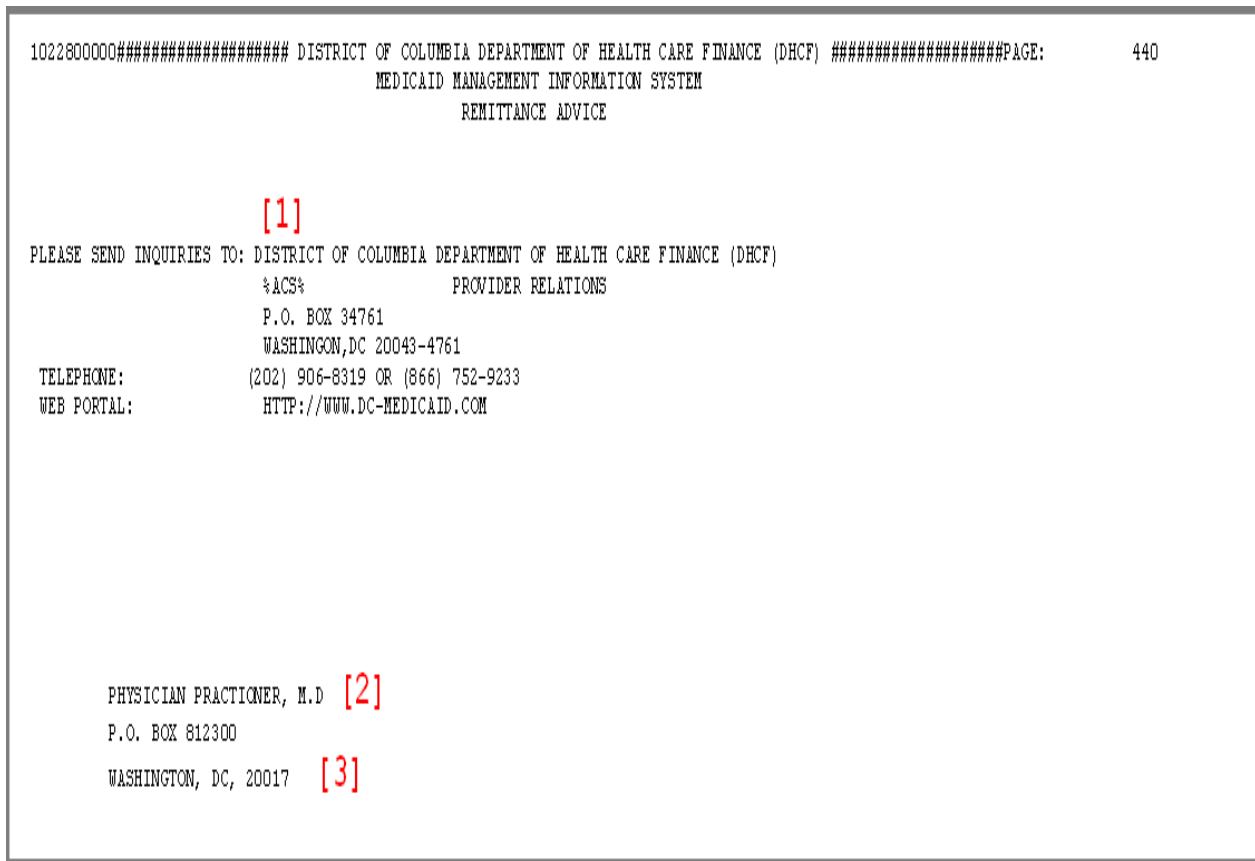


Table 4: Remittance Advice Mailer Page Table

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
PLEASE SEND INQUIRES TO	1	Fiscal Agent Services Name/Address/City/State/Zip, contact phone number and the Web Portal address.
PROVIDER NAME	2	The name of the provider receiving the remittance advice

<b>PROVIDER ADDRESS 1</b>	3	Provider remit mailing address first address line
<b>PROVIDER ADDRESS 2</b>	3	Provider remit mailing address second address line
<b>PROVIDER CITY</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address city
<b>PROVIDER STATE</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address state
<b>PROVIDER ZIP</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address zip code

Figure 7: Remittance Advice Header Page

```

102551100000***** DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF) *****PAGE: 441
MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
REMITTANCE ADVICE

PAY TO PROVIDER NUMBER: 022800000 [1]
PHYSICIAN PRACTICIONER, M.D [2]
P.O. BOX 812300
WASHINGTON, DC, 20017 [3]

(FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS, DOWNLOAD FORM FROM WEB PORTAL)
PLEASE SEND INQUIRIES TO: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - DHCF
ACS STATE HEALTHCARE-PROVIDER RELATIONS
[4] P.O. BOX 34761
WASHINGTON, DC 20043-4761
(202) 906-8319 OR (866) 752-9233
TELEPHONE:
WEB PORTAL: HTTP://DC-MEDICAID.COM

PAYMENT ACCOMPANIES REMITTANCE
TOTAL ASSOCIATED PAYMENT: $177.31 [5] PAYMENT DATE: 08/03/2009 [6]
PAID TO PROVIDER TAX ID: 123456789 [7]
FOR CLAIMS PAID THROUGH: 08/03/2009 [8]

PHYSICIAN PRACTICIONER, M.D
P.O. BOX 812300
WASHINGTON, DC, 20017
    
```

Table 5: Remittance Advice Header Page Table

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
<b>PAY TO PROVIDER NUMBER</b>	1	The number of the provider or group who is to receive payment. The pay to provider is not necessarily the same as the provider who performed the service. This provider number also appears in the very top left of the header page.
<b>PROVIDER NAME</b>	2	The name of the provider receiving the remittance advice
<b>PROVIDER ADDRESS 1</b>	3	Provider remit mailing address first address line
<b>PROVIDER ADDRESS 2</b>	3	Provider remit mailing address second address line
<b>PROVIDER CITY</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address city
<b>PROVIDER STATE</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address state
<b>PROVIDER ZIP</b>	3	Provider Remit Mailing address zip code
<b>PLEASE SEND INQUIRES TO</b>	4	Fiscal Agent Services Name/Address/City/State/Zip, contact phone number and the Web Portal address.

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
TOTAL ASSOCIATED PAYMENT	5	Total amount of the cycle check/EFT
PAYMENT DATE	6	This is the payment date of the check /EFT
PAID TO PROVIDER TAX ID	7	The federal tax ID of the provider or group who is to receive payment.
FOR CLAIMS PAID THROUGH	8	CYCLE RUN DATE

**Provider Messages**

The third page of the RA, as shown below, is used to display messages from DHCF and the FA to Medicaid providers. This page is used to address changes in billing procedures or program coverage. Not all RAs will contain a message. Any information listed here will be valuable in facilitating the filing of claims to Medicaid and to provide information on the Medicaid program.

*Page Header Information*

The Remittance Advice will consist of three different sections: Paid/Denied Claims, Suspended Claims, and Provider Adjustments/Legends Page. The Page Header information will be similar throughout the Remittance Advice; however, the last line in the top middle section of the RA header will indicate the specific section of the RA. The similar fields are as follows:

Figure 8: Remittance Advice Provider Messages

DATE: 08/03/09 [1]	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF)	PAGE: 00000003 [5]
PROVIDER NO: 022222222 [2]	MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	RPT PAGE: 000000442 [6]
REMITTANCE: 00438970 [3]	REMITTANCE ADVICE	REMIT SEQ: 00000054 [7]
NPI NUMBER: 130000000 [4]	PROVIDER MESSAGES	
*****		
This is a test message.		
*****		

Table 6: Remittance Advice Provider Messages Table

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
DATE	1	This is the process date used for reporting purposes
PROVIDER NO	2	The number of the provider or group who is to receive payment. The pay to provider is not necessarily the same as the provider who performed the service.



<b>REMITTANCE</b>	3	The remittance advice number uniquely identifies the remittance Advice prepared for this provider for a given payment cycle.
<b>NPI NUMBER</b>	4	The pay to provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI)
<b>PAGE</b>	5	Page number within each provider's report
<b>RPT PAGE</b>	6	Page number across all provider's reports
<b>REMIT SEQ</b>	7	Sequential number produced for this RA cycle

**Claim Detail Report**

*Paid/Denied Claims*

**Paid claims** are line items passing final adjudication. Claims may be paid as submitted or at reduced amounts according to the Medicaid program's reimbursement methodology. Reduced payments will be noted on the RA with the corresponding edit code for explanation.

**Denied claims** represent those services that are unacceptable for payment. Denials may occur if the fiscal agent cannot validate claim information, if the billed service is not a program benefit, or if a line item fails the edit/audit process. Denied claims may be reconsidered for payment if a health care provider submits corrected or additional claim information. Services denied on the RA appear on one line. A service may be reconsidered for payment if errors were made in submitting or processing the original claim.

Figure 9: Remittance Advice Paid Claims

DATE: 10/08/09      DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF)      PAGE: 00000005  
 PROVIDER NO: [REDACTED]      MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM      RPT PAGE: 000000030  
 REMITTANCE: 00438277      REMITTANCE ADVICE      REMIT SEQ: 00000006  
 NPI NUMBER: [REDACTED]      ADJUSTMENTS PAID      PRACTITIONER/PHYSICIAN

RECIPIENT NAME	MEDICAID ID	TCN	PAT ACCT NUM	MED REC NO	DATES OF SERVICE	TOB	SVC	PVDR	SERVICE PROVIDER NAME	SUBMITTED AMT	FEE REDUCTION AMT	PAT RESP AMT	TOT PAID AMT	STATUS			
LINE	PROC	TYPE/DESC	M1	M2	M3	M4	REVCD	THCD	SVC	PROV	PROV CONTROL NO	DATES OF SERV	LINE UNITS	LN SUBM AMOUNT	LN FEE REDUCT AMT	LN PAID AMOUNT	LN STATUS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	09279100010000018		09/24/09-09/24/09	11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	-50.00	.00	.00	-50.00	CREDIT			
	1	99213	HC/HCPCS/CPT CODE		09/24/09-09/24/09					.00	[REDACTED]		-50.00	CREDIT			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	09279100010000019		09/24/09-09/24/09	11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	40.00	.00	.00	40.00	DEBIT			
	1	99213	HC/HCPCS/CPT CODE		09/24/09-09/24/09					.00	[REDACTED]		40.00	DEBIT			

--- END OF ADJ PAID CLAIMS FOR PROVIDER [REDACTED] ---

Table 7: Remittance Advice Paid Claims Table

<b>FIELD NAME</b>	<b>Field #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>BENEFICIARY NAME</b>	1	Patient name
<b>MEDICAID ID</b>	2	Medicaid's beneficiary ID for this patient
<b>TCN</b>	3	Transaction control number uniquely identifies the claim
<b>PAT ACCT NUM</b>	4	Patient account number as indicated on the claim by the provider
<b>MED REC NO</b>	5	The submitting provider's medical record number as referencing this claim. This number is printed on the RA to assist providers in identifying the patient for whom the service was rendered.
<b>DATES OF SERV</b>	6	First and last dates of service for this claim
<b>TOB</b>	7	Type of bill. Depending on the type of claim submitted, the code will either be the facility type code or place of service code.
<b>SVC PVDR</b>	8	Servicing provider ID
<b>SVC PVDR NAME</b>	9	Servicing provider name
<b>SUBMITTED AMT</b>	10	Total charges submitted for this TCN
<b>FEE REDUCTION AMT</b>	11	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
<b>PAT RESP AMT</b>	12	Amount payable by patient
<b>TOT PAID AMT</b>	13	Total amount paid on this TCN. (For balancing, this should equal Submitted Charges minus Adjustments.)
<b>STATUS</b>	14	Claim Status (Paid – Denied – Suspended)
<b>LINE</b>	15	The line-item number on the claim
<b>PROC</b>	16	The line-item procedure code if applicable.
<b>TYPE/DESC</b>	17	The type of code listed in the procedure code (PROC) field.
<b>M1, M2, M3, M4</b>	18	The procedure code modifiers.
<b>REVCD</b>	19	The line-item revenue code if applicable.
<b>THCD</b>	20	The tooth code if applicable.
<b>SVC PROV</b>	21	The line-item servicing provider ID
<b>PROV CONTROL NO</b>	22	The line-item control number submitted in the 837 which is utilized by the provider for tracking purposes. (REF02 qualifier 6R in 835)
<b>DATES OF SERV</b>	23	First and last dates of service for this line item
<b>LINE UNITS</b>	24	Number of units
<b>LN SUBM AMOUNT</b>	25	The line item submitted amount.
<b>FEE REDUCTION AMT</b>	26	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
<b>LN PAID AMOUNT</b>	27	Amount paid for this line item
<b>LN STATUS</b>	28	The line-item status

Figure 10: Remittance Advice Adjustments

Figure 11: Remittance Advice Adjustments Table

Field Name	Description
<b>BENEFICIARY NAME</b>	Patient name
<b>MEDICAID ID</b>	Medicaid's beneficiary ID for this patient
<b>TCN</b>	Transaction Control Number that uniquely identifies the claim
<b>PAT ACCT NUM</b>	Patient Account number
<b>MED REC NO</b>	The submitting provider's medical record number as referencing this claim
<b>DATES OF SERV</b>	First and last dates of service for this claim
<b>TOB</b>	Type of bill
<b>SVC PVDR</b>	Servicing provider ID
<b>SVC PVDR NAME</b>	Servicing provider name
<b>SUBMITTED AMT</b>	Total charges submitted for this TCN
<b>FEE REDUCTION AMT</b>	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount

<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>PAT RESP AMT</b>	Amount payable by patient
<b>TOT PAID AMT</b>	Total amount paid on this TCN. (For balancing, this should equal Submitted Charges minus Adjustments.)
<b>STATUS</b>	Claim Status (Paid – Denied – Suspended)
<b>LINE</b>	The line-item number on the claim
<b>PROC</b>	The line-item procedure code if applicable.
<b>TYPE/DESC</b>	The type of code listed in the PROC field.
<b>M1, M2, M3, M4</b>	The procedure code modifiers.
<b>REVCD</b>	The line-item revenue code if applicable.
<b>THCD</b>	The tooth code if applicable.
<b>SVC PROV</b>	The line-item Servicing provider ID
<b>PROV CONTROL NO</b>	The line-item control number submitted in the 837 which is utilized by the provider for tracking purposes. (REF02 qualifier 6R in 835)
<b>DATES OF SERV</b>	First and last dates of service for this line item
<b>LINE UNITS</b>	Number of units
<b>LN SUBM AMOUNT</b>	The line item submitted amount.
<b>FEE REDUCTION AMT</b>	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
<b>LN PAID AMOUNT</b>	Amount paid for this line item
<b>LN STATUS</b>	The line-item status
<b>REF : ORIGINAL TCN</b>	The TCN that is being adjusted.
<b>DRG CODE</b>	DRG Code. (Not currently used).
<b>DRG WEIGHT</b>	DRG Weight. (Not currently used).
<b>EXCEPTION CODES</b>	The line-item exception codes
<b>EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS CODES (EOB)</b>	The line-item EOB codes

Figure 12: Remittance Advice Suspended Claims

```

*****
DATE:          09/07/09          DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF)          PAGE: 00000004
PROVIDER NO: 019999999          MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM          RPT PAGE: 000001761
REMITTANCE: 00441451          REMITTANCE ADVICE          REMIT SEQ: 00000168
NPI NUMBER: X1999999998          SUSPENDED CLAIMS          INPATIENT
*****
RECIPIENT NAME          MEDICAID ID          TCN          PAT ACCT NO          MED REC NO
DATES OF SERV          STAT DT          TOB          SVC PVDR          SVC PRV NAME          DRG CODE          DRG WEIGHT          TOTAL SUBMITTED          STATUS
LN          DATES OF SERVICE          SVC PVDR          PROC          TYPE/DESC          M1          M2          M3          M4          REVCD          THCD          UNITS          SUBMITTED
*****
RECIPIENT SAMPLE          709999999          09163800030000077
04/10/09-04/12/09          07/01/09          111          019999999          CAPITOL D.C. NURSING CENTER          0.00000          900.00          PEND
EXCEPTION CODES: 0182 0303 0313 0381 1334 5209 5302
1 04/10/09-04/12/09          019999999          NU/NUBC UB92 CODE          0121          2.00          500.00
2 04/10/09-04/12/09          019999999          X0072          HC/HCP/CS/CPT CODE          0682          4.00          400.00
--- END OF PENDED CLAIMS FOR PROVIDER 019999999 ---

```

Table 8: Remittance Advice Suspended Claims Table

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
BENEFICIARY NAME	Patient name
MEDICAID ID	Medicaid's beneficiary ID for this patient
TCN	Transaction Control Number that uniquely identifies the claim
PAT ACCT NO	Patient account number as indicated on the claim by the provider
MED REC NO	The submitting provider's medical record number as referencing this claim
DATES OF SERV	First and last dates of service for this claim
STATUS DT	Date the claim was suspended (generally the cycle date)
TOB	Type of bill
SVC PVDR	Servicing provider ID
SVC PVDR NAME	Servicing provider name.
DRG CODE	DRG Code. (Not currently used).
DRG WEIGHT	DRG Weight. (Not currently used).
TOTAL SUBMITTED	Total charges submitted for this TCN
STATUS	The overall claim status.
LN	The line-item number on the claim
DATES OF SERVICE	First and last dates of service for this line item
SVC PVDR	The line-item servicing provider ID
PROC	The line-item procedure code if applicable

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
<b>TYPE/DESC</b>	The type of code listed in the procedure code (PROC) field
<b>M1, M2, M3, M4</b>	The procedure code modifiers.
<b>REVCOD</b>	The line-item revenue code if applicable.
<b>THCD</b>	The tooth code if applicable.
<b>UNITS</b>	Number of units
<b>SUBMITTED</b>	The line item submitted amount.
<b>EXCEPTION CODES</b>	The exception codes that are posted to the header level or the line item.

Figure 13: Remittance Advice Provider Totals/Legend

```

DATE: 09/07/09 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF) PAGE: 00000005
PROVIDER NO: 02700000 MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM RPT PAGE: 000000680
REMITTANCE: 00441326 REMITTANCE ADVICE REMIT SEQ: 00000077
NPI NUMBER: 18000797148 PROVIDER TOTALS/LEGEND

CLAIM TOTALS -----STATUS----- ---COUNT--- --SUBMITTED AMT--- -----PAID AMT----
          ORIGINAL PAID              0           0.00           0.00
          CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS          1          41.00-          5.00-
          DEBIT ADJUSTMENTS           1          41.00           5.00
          VOIDS                        0           0.00           0.00
          =====
          APPROVED SUBTOTAL              0           0.00           0.00
          SUSPENDED                     0           0.00
          DENIED                         0           0.00
          =====
          CLAIM PROCESSED TOTAL              0           0.00           0.00
          PROVIDER FINANCIALS              0           0.00           0.00
          =====
          PAYMENT TOTAL                    0           0.00           0.00

          OUTSTANDING CREDIT BALANCE AS OF 09/07/2009              0.00
          TOTAL HISTORY ONLY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS COUNT:          0           0.00
          TOTAL HISTORY ONLY CLAIMS COUNT:                          0           0.00

          ADJUSTMENT SUBTOTALS  -FIRST QUARTER--- -SECOND QUARTER-- --THIRD QUARTER-- -FOURTH QUARTER--
          CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS 09          0.00           0.00           5.00-          0.00
          DEBIT ADJUSTMENTS 09          0.00           0.00           5.00           0.00

ONOTE: FOR REMITTANCE ADVICES OVER 100 PAGES, ONLY THE FIRST PAGE AND THE PROVIDER TOTALS PAGE WILL BE MAILED. PLEASE CONTACT
(202) 906-8319 OR (866) 752-9233 TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE ENTIRE REMITTANCE ADVICE IN A CD.
0--- END OF REMITTANCE FOR PROVIDER 027332900 ---
    
```

Table 9: Remittance Advice Provider Totals/Legend Table

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
<b>CLAIM TOTALS</b>	Totals for all categories of the RA.
<b>STATUS</b>	The claim status header within claim totals
<b>COUNT</b>	The total claim count specific to the category
<b>SUBMITTED AMT</b>	The total amount submitted by the provider
<b>PAID AMT</b>	The total paid amount.

<b>FIELD NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>ORIGINAL PAID</b>	New claims submitted for this cycle
<b>CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS</b>	The total amount of credit adjustments
<b>DEBIT ADJUSTMENTS</b>	The total amount of debit adjustments
<b>VOIDS</b>	Total number of voided claims
<b>APPROVED SUBTOTAL</b>	Subtotal of approved claims
<b>SUSPENDED</b>	Total number of suspended claims and charges
<b>DENIED</b>	Total number of denied claims and charges
<b>CLAIM PROCESSED TOTAL</b>	Total of submitted and paid amounts
<b>PROVIDER FINANCIALS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TOTAL</b>	Total provider payment
<b>OUTSTANDING CREDIT BALANCE AS OF</b>	The outstanding credit balance.
<b>TOTAL HISTORY ONLY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	
<b>TOTAL HISTORY ONLY CLAIMS</b>	
<b>ADJUSTMENT SUBTOTALS</b>	
<b>CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS</b>	
<b>DEBIT ADJUSTMENTS</b>	
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>	The total amount of adjustments and/or voids for the first quarter (Jan – Mar) in the calendar year.
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>	The total amount of adjustments and/or voids for the second quarter (Apr – June) in the calendar year.
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>	The total amount of adjustments and/or voids for the third quarter (July – Sept) in the calendar year.
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>	The total amount of adjustments and/or voids for the fourth quarter (Oct – Dec) in the calendar year.
<b>EXCEPTION LEGEND</b>	Full description of any exception codes (denial reason codes) listed on this RA
<b>EOB CODE LEGEND</b>	Full description of any explanation of benefit codes listed on this RA

## 16.1 Inquiries

When making written and telephone inquiries related to RA status, providers must provide Conduent with the date of the RA and the TCN for the claim in question. All written inquiries should be mailed to the Provider Inquiry P.O. Box listed in Appendix A.

## 16.2 Instructions for Submitting Adjustments and Voids

An Adjustment/Void claim is submitted when the original paid claim was filed or adjudicated incorrectly. Denied claims cannot be adjusted. All adjustment claims must be filed within 365 days of the date of payment. There is no timely filing limit on submitting voids. Voids may be submitted at any time.

Adjustments and voids can be submitted by paper or electronically using the Web Portal, WINSASAP or third-party software. Refer to the Web Portal Quick Reference Guide or the WINSASAP Guide for submitting adjustment and voids online or electronically.

To indicate an adjustment or voided claim, the following information must be recorded in field locator 80.

- Code Definition  
 A Adjustment  
 -or-  
 V Void  
 -and-  
 TCN 17-digit Transaction Control Number and 3-digit reason code from the list below

When submitting an adjustment for a previously paid claim that processed under your NPI, you must submit your adjusted claim in the same manner.

- Use the UB04 claim form.
- Indicate the letter “A” for adjustment, the Transaction Control Number of the current paid claim followed by the appropriate adjustment reason code in the Remarks field locator 80.
- If completing the UB04, enter the billing address including the +4-zip code of the pay-to-provider in Field Locator 1, enter the billing (pay-to) provider’s NPI in field locator 56, and the taxonomy code in field locator 81CC preceded by the B3 qualifier.

When submitting a void for a previously paid claim that processed under your NPI number, you must submit your adjusted claim in the same manner.

- Indicate the letter “V” for void, the Transaction Control Number of the current paid claim followed by the appropriate adjustment reason code in the Remarks field locator 80.
- If completing the UB04, enter the billing address including the +4-zip code of the pay-to-provider in Field Locator 1, enter the billing (pay-to) provider’s NPI in field locator 56, and the taxonomy code in field locator 81CC preceded by the B3 qualifier.

Figure 14: Adjustment Example

The image shows a UB04 form with the following key entries:

- Field 80 (REMARKS):** A 23XXXXXXXXXXXXX 014  
SAMPLE AJUSTMENT
- Field 74 (PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE):** [Blank]
- Field 75 (OTHER PROCEDURE CODE):** [Blank]
- Field 76 (ATTENDING NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 77 (OPERATING NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 78 (OTHER NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 79 (OTHER NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 81CC (TAXONOMY CODE):** [Blank]

Figure 15: Void Example

The image shows a UB04 form with the following key entries:

- Field 80 (REMARKS):** V 23XXXXXXXXXXXXX 014  
SAMPLE VOID
- Field 74 (PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE):** [Blank]
- Field 75 (OTHER PROCEDURE CODE):** [Blank]
- Field 76 (ATTENDING NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 77 (OPERATING NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 78 (OTHER NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 79 (OTHER NPI):** [Blank]
- Field 81CC (TAXONOMY CODE):** [Blank]



Table 10: Adjustment/Void Codes

011	RETRO RATE CHG / NO CUTBACK
014	PROV CLAIM FILING CORRECTION
019	POS PROV FILE CORR/LEGAL SETT
022	FISCAL AGENT CLM PROCESS ERROR
068	PROVIDER REFUND/CLM OVERPAYMNT
069	PROV RFND/OVERPAY FISC ERROR
070	PROV REFUND FOR HEALTH INSUR
071	PROV REFUND FOR CASUALTY INS
081	PROV CLAIM CORR/CLM FILED ERR
082	CLM VOID/FISC AGENT PROC ERROR
083	CLM VD/PD IN ERROR/RCP INCORRE
084	CLM VD/PD ERROR/PROV FIL INCOR
085	CLM VD/PD ERROR/INCORRECT PROV
086	CLAIM VOID MEDICARE RECOVERY
088	REFUND - PROVIDER ERROR
089	REFUND- FISCAL AGENT ERROR
090	PROV RTRN CHK/PD FOR INC BENE
099	PROV RETURN CHK/ INCORR PROV
101	VOID PAYMENT TO PIP HOSPITAL
102	ACCOMMODATION CHARGE CORRECT
103	PATIENT PAYMENT AMT CHANGED
104	PROCEDURE SERVICE DATES FIX
105	CORRECTING DIAGNOSIS CODE
106	CORRECTING CHARGES
107	UNIT VISIT STUDIES PRCD FIX
108	RECONSIDERATION OF ALLOWANCE
109	FIX ADMIT REFER PRESC PROVIDER
110	CORRECTING TOOTH CODE
111	CORRECTING SITE CODE
112	CORRECT TRANSPORTATION DATA
113	INPATIENT DRG
114	ADJUSTING PATIENT LEVEL CARE
115	RECOVERY BASED ON PRO REVIEW
116	ADJUSTED FOR RECP BEDHOLD DAYS
117	MANUAL CAPITATION VOID CLAIMS
118	REPROCESSED CLAIMS
119	AUTO RECOUPMENT SYSTEM ERROR
120	AUTO RECOUPMENT SYSTEM CHANG
121	PCG SERVICES
132	CLM VD/PROV SELF-IDENT FRAUD
300	BENEFICIARY DECEASED

### 16.3 Submitting Claim Refunds

DHCF's preferred method for a provider to refund the program for claims paid in error is for the provider to void the claims instead of submitting a check to DHCF. Overpayments will be deducted from the available

claims' payment balance. Voids may be submitted online, electronically or hardcopy. Note: Timely filing rules are not applicable for submitting voids.

## APPENDIX A: ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER DIRECTORY

Appeal Notification  
Conduent State Healthcare  
District Medicaid Claims Processing Fiscal Agent  
PO Box 34734  
Washington, DC 20043  
Attention: Claims Appeal

Claims Appeal – Claims past Timely Filing  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing Fiscal Agent  
P.O. Box 34734  
Washington, DC 20043  
Attention: Timely Filing Claims Appeal

Conduent Provider Inquiry Unit  
(866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area)  
(202) 906-8319 (inside DC metro area)

Claim Status Information/Claims Payment Information  
Conduent State Healthcare  
District Medicaid Claims Processing Fiscal Agent  
P.O. Box 34734  
Washington, DC 20043  
Attention: Provider Inquiry Unit  
Telephone Numbers:  
(866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area)  
(202) 906-8319 (inside DC metro area)

Claim Submission Information - Mail  
For CMS-1500s:  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing  
P. O. Box 34768  
Washington, DC 20043

For UB04s:  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing  
P. O. Box 34693  
Washington, DC 20043

For Dental and Pharmacy Claims  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing  
P. O. Box 34714  
Washington, DC 20043

For Adjustments and Voids:  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing  
P. O. Box 34706  
Washington, DC 20043



For Medicare Crossover Claims  
Conduent  
District Medicaid Claims Processing  
P. O. Box 34770  
Washington, DC 20043

Telephone Inquiries  
AmeriHealth DC  
(800) 408-7511

CPT-4 Coding Information  
American Medical Association  
100 Enterprise Place  
P.O. Box 7046  
Dover, Delaware 19903-7046  
Attention: Order Department  
Telephone: (800) 621-8335

Dental Helpline  
(866) 758-6807

District of Columbia Managed Care Enrollment Broker  
Maximus  
(800) 620-7802

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)  
Comagine Health  
Prior Authorization Unit: (800) 251-8890  
Pharmacy Consultant Office – (202) 422-5988

General Program Information  
Department of Health Care Finance  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Suite 900  
Washington, DC  
Telephone: (202) 442-5988  
[www.dhcf.dc.gov](http://www.dhcf.dc.gov)

ICD-10-CM Orders  
MEDICODE  
5225 Post Way  
Suite 500  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116  
Telephone – (800) 999-4600

Electronic Claims Submission/Electronic RA Information  
EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) – (866) 775-8563

Eligibility Determination Information  
Economic Security Administration - (202) 724-5506  
Inquiry Recertification - (202) 727-5355  
Fax Request - (202) 724-2041

Eligibility Verification  
Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)  
(202) 906-8319

Health Services for Children with Special Needs HSCSN  
(202) 467-2737

Medicare Customer Service  
(800) 633.4227  
[www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare.html)

Medicaid Payment Schedule Information  
Conduent  
Provider Inquiry Unit  
P.O. Box 34743  
Washington, DC 200043  
Telephone Numbers  
(866) 752-9233 (outside the District of Columbia)  
(202) 906-8319 (inside the District of Columbia)

Medicaid Fraud Hotline  
(877) 632-2873

Pharmacy Consultant  
Department of Health Care Finance  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20001  
Telephone Numbers  
(202) 442-9078 or (202) 442-9076

Prior Authorization Form Submission  
Comagine Health  
Prior Authorization Unit: (800) 251-8890

Provider Enrollment Information  
MAXIMUS  
Provider Enrollment Unit  
P.O. Box 34086  
Washington, DC 20043-9997  
Telephone Numbers  
(844) 218-9700  
[www.dcpdms.com](http://www.dcpdms.com)

Transportation Broker  
Medicaid Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM)  
Telephone Number - (888) 561-8747  
[www.mtm-inc.net](http://www.mtm-inc.net)

Third Party Liability  
Department of Health Care Finance  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 1000S  
Washington, DC 20001  
Attention: Third Party Liability  
Telephone: (202) 698-2000

## APPENDIX B: COMPLETING 719A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

### Patient

- a. Enter the beneficiary's name as it appears on the Medical Assistance Card.
- b. Enter the beneficiary's 8-digit Medicaid number (DCID) as it appears on the Medical Assistance Card.
- c. Enter the beneficiary's address including street, city, state, and zip code.
- d. Enter the beneficiary's telephone number.
- e. Enter the beneficiary's date of birth.
- f. Enter the beneficiary's sex.

### Prescribing Provider

- a. Enter the prescribing provider's provider number (Medicaid number) and NPI.
- b. Enter the prescribing provider's address including street, city, state, and zip code.
- c. Enter the telephone number of the prescribing provider.

### Servicing Provider

- a. Enter the servicing provider's (billing provider) provider number (Medicaid number) and NPI.
- b. Enter the servicing provider's address including street, city, state, and zip code.
- c. Enter the telephone number of the servicing provider.

### Other health insurance coverage

- a. Enter the name of the policy holder, plan name, address, and policy of any third party reported by the beneficiary or known by the provider to cover the services being requested.
- b. If not applicable, enter "N/A" or "None".

### Discharge Date:

- a. Enter the discharge date if the patient is still in a facility.

### Requested service

- a. Select the appropriate block for the requested equipment or service.

### Beneficiary location

- a. Select the block that appropriately describes the beneficiary's location.

**Note:** If the beneficiary is in an ICF/MR, nursing home or hospital, the date of discharge is required.

### Diagnosis

- a. Enter the appropriate diagnosis code from the ICD-10 CM that best reflects the beneficiary's condition and describes the need for the service or equipment requested.

### Procedure code

- a. Enter the HCPCS/CPT (procedure) code with the appropriate modifier (if applicable) of the equipment or service being requested.

### Description of services, durable medical equipment, or supplies

- a. Enter the description of the requested equipment or service as listed in the HCPCS/CPT Coding Manual.

### Time required

- a. Enter best estimate of the timeframe the beneficiary will have the requested equipment or service

### Frequency or units

- a. Enter the number of services required or the number of items required to provide for the beneficiary's needs.

- b. The time the service is needed may exceed limits and require adjustments by the Department of Health Care Finance for the balance of time needed for the service.

**Estimated charges**

- a. Enter the estimated customary and usual charge for the service or equipment.

**Justification**

- a. Enter medical justification for the equipment or supplies to be provided.
- b. Enter the date of service for the requested product or service.

**Note:**

- a. Do not enter the ICD-10 CM code here.
- b. When requesting additional equipment accessories (i.e., a standard wheelchair) include height and weight, if the equipment is for extra heavy, extra tall, etc.

**For DME, Home Health, Private Duty Use Only**

- a. This section must be signed by the physician or authorized prescriber attesting to a face-to-face encounter.
- b. Select the appropriate provider type
- c. Enter the name and title of the allowed prescriber
- d. Enter the date the form was signed.

**Durable Medical Equipment Face to Face Regulations**

- a. Select the equipment that the face-to-face attestation is for.

**Signature of Requesting Provider & Date:**

- a. This form must be signed by the physician or authorized prescriber requesting the services to be prior authorized.
- b. Enter the title of the person signing the form.
- c. Enter the date the form was signed.

**Signature of requesting provider & Date:**

- a. This form must be signed by the physician or authorized prescriber requesting the services to be prior authorized.
- b. Enter the title of the person signing the form.
- c. Enter the date the form was signed

**Quick Tips**

Please be mindful of the following when completing a 719A form:

- Copies of the 719A form are acceptable for original prior authorization requests.
- All 719A forms must be typed or printed legibly.
- Use miscellaneous codes **ONLY** when a more precise and appropriate HCPCS code is not available.
- When using a miscellaneous code, include the manufacturer's quote, invoice, or paid receipt with the 719A form, in addition to the required documentation.
- **Prior authorization (PA) does not guarantee payment. A PA only authorizes that services and/or equipment may be provided.**
- Payment for services and supplies is rendered in accordance with the fee schedule.



- Do not submit claims for a procedure requiring prior authorization without first obtaining the PA number. If you submit a claim for a procedure code that requires a PA, your claims will deny. Please consult the fee schedule to verify if the procedure code requires prior authorization. Once the PA request has been approved, you will receive a Prior Authorization letter containing the prior authorization number to enter on your claim.
- Resubmissions must include a new 719A form with all required documentation including the letter received identifying the reason for the return.

Figure 16: Sample 719A Prior Authorization Form

Government of the District of Columbia  
Department of Health Care Finance  
Fee-For-Service Medicaid Program



719A Prior Authorization Request

Patient			Prescribing Provider			Servicing Provider		
Beneficiary Name			Provider Name			Provider Name		
DCID Number			Provider Number	NPI		Provider Number	NPI	
Address City, State, Zip			Address City, State, Zip			Address City, State, Zip		
Telephone Number	DOB	SEX	Telephone Number			Telephone Number		
Other Health Insurance Coverage			Requested Service			Beneficiary Location		
			Surgery <input type="checkbox"/>	DME <input type="checkbox"/>	Home <input type="checkbox"/>			
			Medical <input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/>	ICF/MR <input type="checkbox"/>			
			Dental <input type="checkbox"/>	Eyewear <input type="checkbox"/>	Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/>			
			Hospice <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital <input type="checkbox"/>			
Discharge Date:			Home Health: <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> PT <input type="checkbox"/> OT <input type="checkbox"/> SLP <input type="checkbox"/> HHA <input type="checkbox"/> Private Duty <input type="checkbox"/>			Office <input type="checkbox"/>		
Requested Service Data								
Diagnosis Code	Procedure Code	Description of Services, DME and Supplies				Time Required	Frequency or Units	Estimated Charges
Justification								
For Dental Use only								
DENOTE THE TEETH ALREADY MISSING BY "X", TO BE EXTRACTED BY "E", X-RAYS TAKEN BY "V"								
Q1	FACIAL			FACIAL			Q2	
O1	O2	O3	O4	O5	O6	O7	O8	O9
R								10
I			A	B	C	D	E	11
G			LINGUAL					12
H			T	S	R	Q	P	13
T								14
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
Q4			FACIAL					23
								22
								21
								20
								19
								18
								17
								Q3
For DME, Home Health, Private Duty Use Only								
Requesting Physician Certification: I certify that I have documented that a Face-to-Face encounter, related to the primary reason the beneficiary requires Home Health or DME services, occurred on _____ between the beneficiary and the allowed prescriber (listed below).								
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Nurse Mid-Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Acute or Post-Acute Physician								
Name of allowed prescriber: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____								
Durable Medical Equipment Face to Face Regulations								
<input type="checkbox"/> Any HCPCS code for the following types of DME: ++Transcutaneous Electrical Stimulation (TENS) unit    ++Rollabout Chair    ++Traction-cervical								
++Oxygen and Respiratory equipment    ++Hospital beds and accessories								
<input type="checkbox"/> Any item of DME that appears on the DMEPOS Fee Schedule with a price ceiling at or greater than \$1,000.								
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other item of DME that CMS adds to the list of Specified Covered Items								
Signature of the Requesting Provider: I certify that the services requested are medically indicated and necessary for the health of this patient and that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete.							DATE	
Signature: _____ Title: _____								

## **APPENDIX C: SUBMITTING 719A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Failure to send the form and all required documentation to the correct office will delay processing of the request.

Service	Who to contact for Prior Authorizations	Comagine	DHCF Medicaid	Other
<b>Botox</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Cosmetic, Plastic, reconstructive surgery (limited coverage)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Dental Services</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Hearing Aids and Artificial Larynxes (for Adults)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Home Infusion</b>	Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) Office of Pharmacy Management: 202.442.5952 Fax-202-722-5685		X	
<b>Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities</b>	DC Department on Disability Services Developmental Disabilities Administration Medicaid Waiver Office 202.730.1566 Fax number: 202.730.1804			X
<b>Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Elderly Persons with Disabilities – CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS</b>	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533  (Comagine provides EPD waiver CM PAs only)		X	
<b>Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Elderly Persons with Disabilities—NON-CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS</b>	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533		X	
<b>Home Health Services (non-waiver)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Injections Administered in a Physician's office ("J codes")</b>	DHCF Office of Pharmacy Management: Phone: 202.442.5952 Fax: 202.722.5685		X	
<b>Inpatient Hospital Admissions</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Medications dispensed by a pharmacy</b>	Magellan Help Desk-800.273.4962			X

<b>Nutritional Supplements (tube feedings) for in-home care</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Orthotics and Prosthetics</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Optical Services</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Organs Transplants (when covered, e.g., heart, kidney, liver, allogeneic bone marrow)</b>	DHCF / Medicaid Medical Director: 202.442.9077 Fax number: 202.535.1216		X	
<b>Outpatient Procedures Surgeries</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Pain Management Procedures (Inpatient)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Pediatric Specialty Hospital Admissions (i.e., Cumberland and Kennedy Krieger Hospitals)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Personal Care Aide Services (non-waiver)</b>	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533		X	
<b>Pet Scans</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Sleep Studies</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		
<b>Surgical procedures (Some types require prior authorization, including gastric bypass surgery, mammoplasty)</b>	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org">dcmedicaid@Comaginehealth.org</a>	X		

## APPENDIX D: IVR INSTRUCTIONS

The Bureau of Eligibility Determination, Economic Security Administration (ESA) determines eligibility for the DC Medicaid Program.

Providers should verify the beneficiary's name and identification number, effective dates of eligibility, services restricted to specified providers, and whether other insurance is on file (commonly referred to as third party liability) before rendering services.

Beneficiary eligibility may be verified by calling the Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) using a touch-tone telephone and entering the beneficiary identification number found on the beneficiary's Medical Assistance ID card. The IVR is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with unlimited number inquiries being performed per call. The IVR may be used up to 30 minutes per call. Providers should also have their DC Medicaid provider number or NPI number ready.

To access the District of Columbia Government Medicaid IVR, dial (202) 906-8319 (inside DC Metro area) or (866) 752-9233 (outside DC Metro area) from your touch-tone phone. Select one of the following options listed below and follow the prompts. The system will prompt you to enter your nine-digit Medicaid provider number or 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) followed by the pound (#) key.

- Press 1 - To verify beneficiary eligibility and claims status.
- Press 2 - If you are a new provider and would like to enroll or if you are changing your provider number, contact MAXIMUS at 844.218.9700.
- Press 3 - For EDI Technical Support Services
- Press 4 - For all other questions

Once you have concluded your inquiries, record the confirmation number provided at the end of the call.

## APPENDIX E: GLOSSARY

The following terms are used throughout this manual. The definition relates to the term used in the DC Medicaid Program:

**ACA** – Affordable Care Act was signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010, it aims to bring comprehensive and equitable health insurance coverage to many Americans. The ACA guarantees

**ADA** – American Dental Association

**Adjustment** – A transaction that changes any information on a claim that has been paid. A successful adjustment transaction creates a credit record, which reverses the original claim payment, and a debit record that replaces the original payment with a corrected amount; a change submitted because of a billing or processing error.

**ANSI** - American National Standards Institute

**Approved** - A term that describes a claim that will be or has been paid.

**ASC** - Ambulatory Surgery Code

**Buy-In** - The process whereby DHCF authorizes payments of the monthly premiums for Medicare coverage.

**CFR** – Code of Federal Regulations

**CHAMPUS** - Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

**CHIP** – Children’s Health Insurance Program is a program administrated by the US Department of Health and Human Services that provides matching funds to states for health insurance to families with children. CHIP provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid.

**Claim** - A request for reimbursement of services that have been rendered.

**Claim Status** - The determined status of a claim: approved, denied or suspended.

**Claim Type** - A classification of claim origin or type of service provided to a beneficiary.

**CLIA** – Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments

**CMS** - Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services

**CMS1500** - Claim form currently mandated by CMS, formerly known as HCFA-1500, for submission of practitioner and supplier services

**Conduent** – is the fiscal agent for the DC Medicaid Program (formerly known as Affiliated Computer Services)

**Cost Settlement** – Refers to a reimbursement method in which the reimbursement is made on actual cost information

**Covered Services** - All services which providers enrolled in the DC Medicaid program are either required to provide or are required to arrange to have provided to eligible beneficiaries.

**CPT** - Current Procedural Terminology code

**Crossover** - The process by which the Medicare intermediaries and Medicare carriers supply Medicaid with the deductible and co-insurance amounts to be paid by Medicaid.

**DCAS** – District of Columbia Access System

**DCID** - District of Columbia's eight-digit beneficiary ID number

**DCMMIS** - District of Columbia Medicaid Management Information System

**Denied** – A term that describes a claim that results in nonpayment.

**DHCF** - Department of Health Care Finance (formerly known as Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)). The name of the local District agency administering the Medicaid program and performs other necessary Medicaid functions.

**DHHS** - Department of Health and Human Services

**DHR** - Department of Human Resources

**DHS** - Department of Human Services

**District** - The District of Columbia

**DME** – Durable Medical Equipment

**DMERC** - Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier

**DOH** - Department of Health

**DRG** - Diagnosis Related Group

**Dual-eligible** - individuals who are entitled to Medicare Part A and/or Part B and are eligible for some form of Medicaid benefit.

**DX** - Diagnosis Code

**EDI** – Electronic Data Interchange

**Emergency** - Sudden unexpected onset of a condition requiring medical or surgical care that may result in permanent physical injury or a threat to life if care is not secured immediately after the onset of the condition or as soon thereafter.

**Enrollment** - The initial process by which new enrollees apply for managed care or provider enrollment.

**EOMB** - Explanation of Medical Benefits

**EPSDT** – The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment is a Medicaid initiative that provides preventative healthcare services for children.

**ESA** – Economic Security Administration (formerly known as Income Maintenance Administration), through an MOU with the Medicaid agency, has the responsibility to determine eligibility for all medical assistance programs. They also determine eligibility for SNAP, TANF, childcare subsidy, burial assistance and many more.



**FFP** – Federal Financial Participation: the Medicaid program is jointly funded by the federal government and states. The federal government pays states for a specified percentage of program expenditures.

**FQHC** – Federally Qualified Health Center

**HBX** – Health Benefits Exchange: the entity that administers and oversees the online marketplace for District residents and small businesses to enroll in private or public health insurance options. The District's Health Benefit Exchange will allow individuals and small businesses to compare health plans, to learn if they are eligible for tax credits for private insurance or health programs like DC Healthy Families/Medicaid, and to enroll in a health plan that meets their needs.

**HCFA** - Health Care Finance Administration

**HCPCS** - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

**ICD-CM** - International Classification of Diseases Clinical Modification

**ICP** – Immigrant Children's Program is a health program designed as a safety net for children under the age of 21 who do not meet the citizenship/immigration status requirements for Medicaid.

**IMD** – Intermediate Mental Disorder

**IVR** – The Interactive Voice Response Verification system is a system to provide verification of beneficiary eligibility, checking claim status through telephone inquiry by the provider, using the DCID number or Social Security Number (SSN)

**LTAC** - Long Term Acute Care

**MAGI** – Modified Adjusted Gross Income is a methodology for how income is counted and how household composition and family size are determined

**Managed Care Organization** - Program to improve access to primary and preventive services where eligible beneficiaries shall be required to select a primary care provider who will be responsible for coordinating the beneficiary's care. Payment for services shall be on a capitated basis for prepaid plans.

**Medicaid** - The District of Columbia's medical assistance program, provided under a state plan which has been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

**Medicaid Benefits Package** - All health services to which beneficiaries are entitled under the District of Columbia Medicaid program, except service in a skilled nursing facility, an institution for mental diseases, and other services specifically excluded in the contract.

**Medically Necessary** - Description of a medical service or supply for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment which is (1) consistent with illness, injury, or condition of the enrollee; (2) in accordance with the approved and generally accepted medical or surgical practice prevailing in the geographical locality where, and at the time when, the service or supply is ordered.

**Medicare** – A federal program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) providing health insurance for individuals 65 and older or disabled. Medicare Part A covers hospitalization and is automatically provided to any qualified beneficiary. Medicare Part B covers outpatient services and is voluntary (requires a premium contribution).

**NCCI** – National Correct Coding Initiative

**NDC** - National Drug Code

**Non-Compensable Item** - Any service a provider supplies for which there is no provision for payment under Medicaid regulations.

**NPI** - National Provider Identifier is a 10-digit number that uniquely identifies a healthcare provider. Providers must apply for a NPI through NPPES.

**NPPES** – National Plan and Provider Enumeration System

**OIS** – Office of Information Systems

**Open Enrollment Period** - The 30-day period following the date the beneficiary is certified or re-certified for the District's Medicaid Program. During this period, a beneficiary eligible to be covered under the managed care program may select a provider without restriction.

**Ophthalmic Dispensing Services** - The design, verification, and delivery to the intended wearer of lenses, frames, and other specifically fabricated optical devices as prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

**Out-of-District** – Any zip code outside of the District of Columbia.

**Parent** - A child's natural parent or legal guardian.

**PBM** – Pharmacy Benefits Management

**PID** – District of Columbia nine-digit provider ID number

**Prepayment Review** - Determination of the medical necessity of a service or item before payment is made to the provider. Prepayment review is performed after the service or item is provided and involves an examination of an invoice and related material, when appropriate. This should not be confused with prior authorization.

**Prescription (Vision)** - The written direction from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist for therapeutic or corrective lenses and consists of the refractive power and, when necessary, the vertex distance, the cylinder axis, and prism.

**Prior Authorization (PA)** - The approval of a service before it is provided, but it does not necessarily guarantee payment.

**Provider** - A person, business, or facility currently licensed under the law of any state and enrolled in Medicaid to practice medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, or to provide other Medicaid approved services and has entered into an agreement with the District of Columbia's Medicaid program to provide such services.

**QHP** – Qualified Health Plan is a major medical health insurance plan that covers all the mandatory benefits of the ACA and eligible to be purchased with a subsidy, also known as a premium tax credit.

**QIO** - Quality Improvement Organization

**QMB** – Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

**RA** – The Remittance Advice is a document sent to providers to report the status of submitted claims - paid, denied, and pended from Conduent.

**Rejected** - A term that describes an electronically submitted claim that has not met processing requirements

**RTP** - Return to Provider

**RTP Letter** - A letter that accompanies a rejected claim that is sent to providers with an explanation identifying the reason for the return

**Service Area** - The area within the city limits of the District of Columbia

**Specialist** - An enrolled Medicaid physician whose practice is limited to a particular area of medicine including one whom, by virtue of advance training, is certified by a specialty board.

**Spend-Down** - Occurs when an individual or family is ineligible for Medicaid benefits due to excess income but can receive Medicaid benefits by incurring medical expenses in the amount of the excess income.

**State Plan** - The State Plan of Medical Assistance, which describes the eligibility criteria, services covered payment methodology and/or rates and any limitations approved by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for coverage under the District of Columbia's Medicaid Program.

**TANF** - The categorical eligibility designation for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid by they are eligible for cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

**TCN** - The unique transaction control number that is assigned to each claim for identification.

**Third-Party Liability** - Medical insurance, other coverage, or sources, which have primary responsibility for payment of health, care services on behalf of a Medicaid- eligible beneficiary.

**Timely Filing** – A period in which a claim must be filed to be considered eligible for payment.

**UB04** – A revised version of the Universal Billing Form UB92 used by institutional providers

**Urgent Care Services** - Care necessary for an acute condition, not as serious as an emergency, yet one in which medical necessity dictates early treatment and/or a hospital environment.

**Vendor** - A provider who usually sells an item such as durable medical equipment, medical supplies, or eyewear.

**VFC**- Vaccine for Children is a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) federally funded program that supplies providers with vaccines at no charge for eligible children up to age 18.

**Void** - A claim, which has been paid and is later refunded because the original reimbursement was made for an erroneous provider or beneficiary identification number; or payment was made in error.

**Waiver** - A situation where CMS allows the District to provide services that are outside the scope of the approved State Plan services, in non-traditional settings, and/or to beneficiaries not generally covered by Medicaid.

**Web Portal** – An internet gateway that provides tools and resources to help healthcare providers conduct their business electronically.

**WINSASAP** – Free software provided by Conduent that can be used to create claims in X12N format.