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# 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 Outdated copies of material should be discarded.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 DHCF 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
- Recipient 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 again and again.

## 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

Conduent Provider Inquiry PO Box 34734 Washington, DC 20043-4734	(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>
Conduent EDI Gateway Services	(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 recipient requires emergency medical care while temporarily away from home
- The recipient would be risking his health if he waited for the service until he returned home
- Returning to the District would endanger the recipient'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 recipient 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 results 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
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## 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. Maximus 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="#">Dietician</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 Recipient Freedom of Choice of Providers**

A recipient may obtain services from any institution, agency, 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 recipient'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 recipient'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 recipient 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 well-being of the patient
- Indicate the progress of the recipient 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 and excised tissues
- 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 recipient 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 recipient 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 the appropriate MCO below 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 knowingly billed and been paid for undocumented or unnecessary medical services, DHCF will review the error and determine the amount of improper payment. The provider will be required to either submit payment or provide repayment through DHCF withholding future claims. If the 100% review of disputable claims becomes impractical, random sampling techniques will be implemented to determine the amount of the improper payment. An appeal by a provider is not a sufficient reason to postpone restitution procedures. In addition, the provider is prohibited from billing the recipient 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:

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 RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY

This subsection provides an overview of recipient 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 recipient. 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 aged 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

### 9.3 Eligibility Identification

It is the responsibility of the provider to always verify that the patient is eligible for Medicaid before rendering services.

### 9.3.1 Medical Assistance Card

When first determined eligible, each Medicaid recipient receives a paper Medical Assistance Card from the Economic Security Administration containing his name, social security number, date of birth, sex, and an eight-digit identification number, which may include two leading zeroes.

If the recipient has provided this information to the eligibility-determining agency, a provider should ask the recipient if he has other health insurance coverage not shown on the card. The provider is obligated to determine that the person to whom care is being rendered is the same individual listed on the eligibility card.

Figure 1: Medical Assistance Card – Front Image



Sex:                      Ins. C.                      Case:

DOB:

Name:

#### *The "M" Card: Covering 1 in 4 DC Residents*

Figure 2: Medical Assistance Card – Back Image

#### Signature of Adult/Firma del adulto

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|--|--|
| <p><b>(202) 698-2000</b></p> <p><b>(202) 639-4030</b></p> <p><b>(202) 727-5355</b></p> | <p>to find a doctor<br/>para encontrar un médico</p> <p>for help with your managed care plan<br/>para la ayuda con su plan de salud</p> <p>to change your address (or report<br/>other changes)<br/>para cambiar su dirección (o<br/>informarnos de otros cambios)</p> |
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The back of the Medical Assistance Card provides information to the recipient 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 ESA 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 recipient, the provider cannot collect payment from DC Medicaid. The provider should verify:

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

The provider must verify the recipient's eligibility by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) using a touch-tone telephone (telephone number included in Appendix A) and supplying the recipient identification number found on the recipient's ID card. Recipient 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 Recipient Restriction Program**

DHCF may restrict a DC Medicaid recipient 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 Recipient Restriction is a corrective process by which a recipient 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 recipient'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

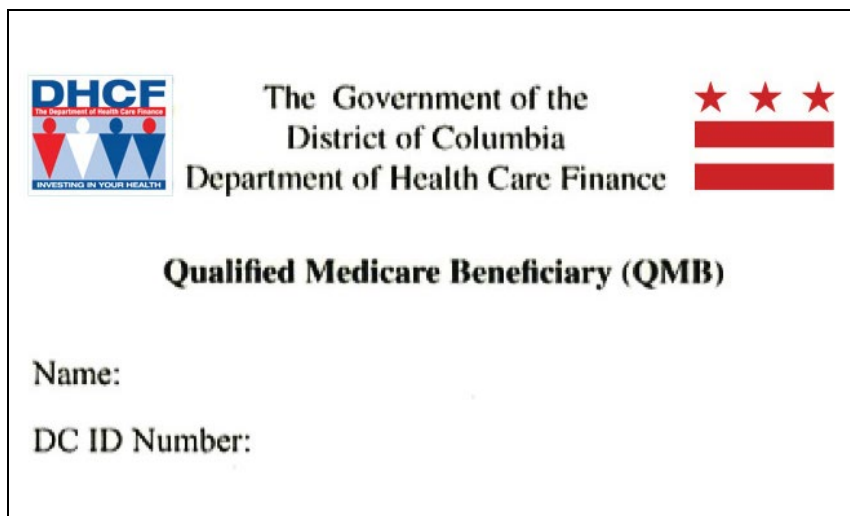


Figure 4: QMB Medical Assistance Card – Back Image

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
- Recipient Medicaid identification number is missing
- Claim submitted on an unaccepted claim form (older claim form version). [Note: DC Medicaid accepts CMS1500 (08/05), 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	1 = Machine number		0 – 4 = PBM
	2 = Electronic Crossover	2 - 4 = Assigned batch		5 - 6 = Available
	3 = Electronic Submitted Claim			7 = Original
	4 = System Generated			8 = Credit (void)
	5 = Web w/attachment			9 = Debit
	6 = Special Batch			(adjustment)
	7 = Retro-rate			
	8 = Paper			
	9 = Paper w/attachment			
	0 = Encounter			

## 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
- Recipient 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 Recipient 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 recipient last name. Denial reasons are listed on the RA as well. Listed below are some examples of denial reasons:

- Recipient 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 recipient 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 pended 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

To ensure timely processing of payments, electronic claims must be received by Conduent no later than noon every Thursday for processing in the weekly payment cycle.

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 pended 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 recipient 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 statement.

If Medicare is billed for services for a recipient 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 Medicaid Claims with Third Party Payments**

Medicaid is always the payer of last resort. When a recipient has insurance from another source, employer or private policy, the provider must bill this source first before submitting to Conduent.

To bill Medicaid, the provider must submit an original claim with a copy of the third-party payers' EOMB attached indicating payment or denial within 180 days of the processing/payment date. When interviewing the patient, the provider should always question the patient about third party resources available to the patient, regardless of the information supplied through the Web Portal and IVR.

In accordance with the DC Medicaid State Plan Amendment, the reimbursement for TPL claims is the difference between the third-party payer's payment and the Medicaid allowed amount, not just the deductible and coinsurance.

## **11.6 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 pended 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).

## **11.7 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. 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 Medicaid 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient. When the emergency ends, the provider must adhere to prior authorization requirements.

### 14.4 Prior 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.

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 and appliances 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

For general information about what is covered under the District's Medicaid Fee-for-Service program, as well as what is covered under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program for children.

## 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, and services and products (i.e., DME/POS, 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 and equipment under this program and must be attached to the 719A form.

## **15 VISION CARE SPECIFIC BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Director of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), pursuant to the authority set forth in An Act to enable the District of Columbia to receive federal financial assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for a medical assistance program, and for other purposes, approved December 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 744; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.02 (2014 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)) and Section 6(6) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.05(6) (2012 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of the adoption of a new Section 965 (Optometry Services) of Chapter 9 (Medicaid Program) of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The District of Columbia Medicaid program is required to cover certain mandatory benefits and can choose to provide other optional benefits under federal law. One of these optional benefits is optometry services. Federal law also requires that all Medicaid programs provide services " ...sufficient in amount, duration and scope to reasonably achieve their purpose." 42 C.F.R. §440.230. These rules clarify the coverage and limitations for Medicaid reimbursement of optometry services consistent with the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance.

### **15.1 Definitions**

The term "ophthalmic dispensing" means the design, verification, and delivery to the intended wearer of lenses, frames, and other specially fabricated optical devices upon prescription.

The term "prescription" means a 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.

Eyeglasses: Lenses, including frames, contact lenses, and other aids to vision that are prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist.

### **15.2 Eligibility to Participate**

Any optician or optometrist who is engaged in the retail dispensing of prescription eyewear in or from an established place of business, in area zoned for such purpose, with requisite occupancy, business or trade licenses and permits in full force and effect, may apply for participation in the DC Medicaid program. Applications for participation will be considered only from those who are finally responsible and who have necessary equipment and personnel to provide the required services. The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) reserves the right to reject the application of any provider, if in the opinion of DHCF; the firm does not all the above qualifications.

#### **15.2.1 Providers Eligible to Prescribe**

Ophthalmologists and optometrists who have signed an Agreement of participation with the District Medicaid program are authorized to prescribe eyewear for eligible District Medicaid recipients. Prescriptions from non-participating providers will require prior authorizations to be filled.

### **15.3 Medicaid Program Ethics**

All participating opticians/optometrists shall keep foremost the welfare of the patient; shall seek to overcome any barriers to visual care, are so that no person lacks necessary services because of race, sex, age, or financial status; shall maintain offices in keeping with professional standards; and shall hold in professional confidence all information concerning a patient, using such data only for the benefit of the client.

Only first quality materials (frames and lenses) are to be used in the dispensing of optical products in the DC Medicaid Program and the finished product must meet the latest requirements and standards set forth in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

## **15.4 Scope of Services**

Ophthalmic dispensing services are provided to eligible recipients of the District Medicaid program when prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist who is licensed by the proper authority and dispensed by an optometrist or optician who has executed an agreement with the District Medicaid program.

## **15.5 Adult Vision Services**

### **15.5.1 Eye Exams**

Medicaid reimbursement of eye exams for Medicaid beneficiaries twenty-one years of age or older shall be limited to the following criteria:

- The services shall be medically necessary and required to monitor a chronic condition that could harm a beneficiary's vision
- The beneficiary has an acute condition that, if left untreated, may cause permanent or chronic damage to the eye.

### **15.5.2 Eyeglasses**

Medicaid reimbursement for eyeglasses for Medicaid beneficiaries twenty-one years of age or older may be provided where DHCF has provided prior authorization and shall be limited to one (1) complete pair of eyeglasses in a twenty-four (24) month period unless:

- The new prescription represents a change of at least  $\pm 0.50$  diopters from the prior prescription.
- A prescription represents a change from the prior prescription of at least  $\pm 0.75$  sphere or  $\pm 0.50$  sphere,  $\pm 0.50$  cylinder,  $\pm 3$  prism diopter vertical, or  $\pm 3$  prism diopter lateral.
- There has been a major change in visual acuity documented by an optometrist licensed pursuant to the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1201.01 et seq.), as amended; and the new lenses cannot be accommodated by a beneficiary's existing eyeglasses; or
- The frames or lenses have been lost, broken beyond repair, or scratched to the extent that visual acuity is compromised, as determined by the dispensing provider.

### **15.5.3 Contact Lens**

Medicaid reimbursement for contact lens shall be limited to two (2) boxes (1 per eye) in a six (6) month period with a prior authorization. Replacement contact lenses may be obtained every six (6) months with a prescription that is dated one (1) year or less from the date of service.

### **15.5.4 Repairs and Replacement Eyeglasses**

All repairs and replacement of any form of eyewear must be medically necessary and requires prior authorization by DHCF.

### **15.5.5 Limitations**

Special glasses, such as sunglasses and tints, must be justified in writing by the ophthalmologist or optometrist. Special tints and sunglasses are not allowed in addition to un-tinted eyewear. In addition, the optometrist must adhere to the dispensing procedures in the providers Medical Assistance Manual located at [www.dc-medicaid.com](http://www.dc-medicaid.com).

### **15.5.6 Copayment**

There is a \$2.00 copayment for eyewear for adult Medicaid beneficiaries. If a Medicaid beneficiary expresses an inability to pay the \$2.00, the co-pay will be waived.

## 15.6 Pediatric Vision Services

Medicaid reimbursement of eye exams for Medicaid beneficiaries from birth through twenty (20) years of age shall be based on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services (EPSDT) services benefit as set forth in 42 C.F.R. Section 440.40(b). Vision screening is a part of a child's periodic well-child visit with their primary care provider (PCP). If referred by a PCP or school nurse, DC Medicaid will cover at least one eye examination by a specialist each year. DC Medicaid will cover additional vision services for children if they are determined medically necessary by the child's optometrist or ophthalmologist.

For children and youth under the age of 21, DC Medicaid covers one pair of eyeglasses per year. When a child has lost his or her eyeglasses or when the prescription for eyeglasses has changed by more than one-half (.5) diopter, then another set of eyeglasses is covered. If replacement glasses are needed within a given year, the request will require authorization. Contact lenses will be covered if they are determined medically necessary by the child's optometrist or ophthalmologist.

## 15.7 Dispensing Procedures

If a recipient requests a copy of the prescription once the prescription has been filled, the provider should write, type or stamp across the face of the prescription: "This prescription has already been filled" and provide the date on which and where the prescription was filled. DC Medicaid will reimburse for only one pair of eyeglasses per original prescription unless prior authorized. To determine that the patient has not exceeded his quota of eyeglasses, to assure payment call Delmarva (800) 638-6415 for authorization prior to dispensing eyewear to follow the prior authorization procedure described in Section Five of this manual.

The Department of Health Care Finance authorizes either one or both of the following options for provision of ophthalmic services in the DC Medicaid Program:

### 15.7.1 Option I: Completed Eyewear Provided by Wholesaler

Prescription eyeglasses will be supplied by a wholesaler laboratory affiliated with the dispensing establishment or its practitioners through employment or any other financial connection) for an individual order paid for out-of-pocket by the optician or optometrist.

Practitioners choosing to use Option I will be reimbursed for the actual acquisition cost for the optical product (lenses and frames) supported by the original invoice from a wholesale lab, plus the dispensing fee. The dispensing fee schedule is displayed in this section of this manual. Reimbursement of ophthalmic services will not exceed the usual and customary charges consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Any invoice which appears to have been altered will be returned without payment.

Actual acquisition cost reimburses cost to the optician/optometrist's out-of-pocket money spent for the eyewear (lens and frame) to fill the prescription as verified by a copy of the supplier's original invoice.

### 15.7.2 Option II: Fabricated of Eyewear on Premises

Providers, qualified by having special skills and equipment and choosing to participate using Option II, must supply semi-finished, uncut lens blanks of standard quality and durability, consistent with the latest ANSI standards, for fabrication (cutting, edging, polishing, and fitting to frame) into prescription eyewear. All lenses, frames and frame parts shall be guaranteed against defects in manufacture and assembly. The optometrist/optician dispensing the eyewear shall be responsible for any needed replacement or repairs that are due to defects in quality of material or workmanship.

Frames used in the process of fabrication of eyeglasses shall be selected from a current issue of the FRAMES index/catalog; will be referenced for verification on the Medicaid Laboratory Invoice for

Ophthalmic Dispensing Service and paid for out-of-pocket by the optician or optometrist filling the prescription.

Lenses used in the fabrication of eyeglasses will be paid for out-of-pocket by the provider and described fully on the invoice form. The description of lenses used from stock for the fabrication process and the SUMMARY OF COST, will be verified periodically by DHCF. Only actual acquisition costs may be claimed by the optician or optometrist fabricating the prescription onsite.

In addition to the dispensing fee, DHCF will pay the established fabrication fee when the provider provides eyewear in accordance with Option II. Providers qualified to use Option II may also use Option I.

### 15.7.3 Dispensing Fee

The dispensing fee reimburses the provider of ophthalmic dispensing services for services which include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- a. **Analysis of Prescription:** Translation of prescription specifies into character of lens required – as to perimeter and center thickness, weight size and method of grinding. Consideration of type of material - glass or plastic – and necessity for protective features. Determinations of general type of frame for use with the lenses to be ordered and the intended use of the finished eyewear.
- b. **Measurement and Conformation:** Measurement of patient's interpupillary distance (P.D.) for far and near and in case of high-power lenses, measuring vertex distance of frame selected. If vertex distance of frames differs from refractive vertex distance in high power lenses, then recomputed lens power for correct effective power. In cases of multi-focal lenses, determine best type of lens and best size and positioning of segments for individual's needs. Assisting patient in selection of properly fitting frame about the individual's facial characteristics or physiognomy and the intended use of the eyewear. At the same time, counseling as to cosmetic aspects
- c. **Measuring for correct eye size, bridge size and temple length and type:** Making permanent record of all the above, with notations of deviation from normal shaping for better fitting purposes.

### 15.7.4 Ordering and Delivery

- Preparing order for laboratory and establish record of such order with identifying name or symbol.
- Maintaining liaison with laboratories on time required to give reasonably accurate estimate to customer patient on time for delivery.
- Verifying completed eyewear as to accuracy of power and other specifics of the lenses, type and color of frames, security of fastenings, eye size and type and size of bridge and temples. Check surface quality of lenses for perfection of finish, freedom from waves, pits, grayness, and scratches. Check lenses themselves for prescribed power, striae, bubbles, or other interior defects.

### 15.7.5 Delivery of finished eyewear

This entails the fitting and adjusting of the completed glasses to the individual requirements of the patient to ensure accuracy of performance and maximum comfort. Any instructions or warning pertaining to the use and care of the eyewear must be conveyed to the patient by the optician. A permanent record of the pertinent aspects of the foregoing must be made and maintained by the optician and kept available for the required period.

**Subsequent adjustments** – Ordering or repairs as needed.

## 15.8 Prior Authorization

To receive reimbursement under the District Medicaid program for those services requiring Prior Authorization, the provider must complete a Prior Authorization Request/Approval Form (DHS 719A) and submit to the contract vendor of DHCF for approval. Upon approval, DHCF will supply the requesting

provider with a seven (7) digit Prior Authorization Number. This must be entered on the claim form (CMS-1500).

DHCF will not reimburse providers for services requiring prior authorization where the prior authorization/approval has not been obtained prior to the dispensing of eyewear.

## **15.9 Reimbursement**

The participating optician/optometrist will accept as full payment for his ophthalmic dispensing services the fee schedule amounts in Section G of this manual. In some cases, an individual may qualify for both Medicaid and Medicare and sometimes for another health insurance plan (i.e., Vision Care Services, paid for under a union contract). Medicare or any other such insurance plan must be billed first. Title XIX will pay the approved patient liability which may remain after third-party payments. The practitioner who dispenses the eyeglass is responsible for determining other source of coverage and should bill Title XIX only after all other sources have been exhausted.

The following billing procedures have been established for prompt, accurate reimbursement of ophthalmic dispensing services. Opticians and optometrist to be reimbursed for services rendered to District of Columbia Medicaid recipients must follow the following procedures.

### **15.9.1 Optician I**

Complete the CMS-1500 as instructed except that block 20 of the CMS-1500 should be checked "Yes" and enter the laboratory charges in block 20. Attach the original invoice from the laboratory to the CMS-1500 when submitting the CMS-1500 to the District Medicaid program.

### **15.9.2 Optician II**

Complete the CMS-1500 as instructed except that block 20 of the CMS-1500 should be checked "No" and enter the cost of materials used in the fabrication of eyewear as substantiated by the Medicaid Laboratory Invoice for Ophthalmic Dispensing which is supplied by DHCF. Attach the Medicaid Laboratory Invoice to the CMS-1500 when submitting the CMS-1500 to the District Medicaid program.

**Note:** Block 24F on the CMS-1500 should indicate your usual and customary charge to the public. However, to be reimbursed for laboratory costs, you must add the laboratory charges in block 20 with the dispensing fee indicated in block 24F. By doing this, the laboratory charge will be included in the total claim charge. A sample claim follows this page.

## 16 Instructions for Completion of the CMS-1500

The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services mandates the use of the Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500). To be reimbursed for services rendered on behalf of DC Medicaid recipients, clinics, DME suppliers must complete and file a CMS-1500 claim form with Conduent.

The new CMS-1500 (version 02/12) claim form is to be used to bill DC Medicaid covered services. After April 1, 2014, the District of Columbia Medicaid program will accept this CMS-1500 claim form only. No other versions of the form will be accepted after this date. These instructions describe the information that must be entered in the minimum required the fields of the CMS-1500 (version 02/12) claim form.

The following instructions outline specifically the use of the form when billing for clinic related services. These instructions may vary from the instructions included on the form to meet the specific requirements to reimburse providers for the services they have performed for DC Medicaid recipients.

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: CMS-1500 Claim Form Instructions

Field #	Field Description	Guideline
1	Health Insurance Box	Select Medicaid
1a	Insured's ID Number	Enter the patients' eight-digit DC Medicaid identification number excluding the leading zeroes.  Verify the recipient's Medical Assistance Card to make certain that you have the recipient's correct and complete DC Medicaid Identification number and that the individual is eligible for the month in which the services are being provided. You may call the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system or visit <a href="http://www.dc-medicaid.com">www.dc-medicaid.com</a> to verify eligibility. Receipt of a prior authorization does not verify recipient eligibility.
2	Patient's Name	Enter the patient's last name, first name, and middle initial as it appears on their Medical Assistance card.
3	Patient's Birth Date	Enter the patient's birth date and select the appropriate gender
4	Insured's Name (Last Name, First, Name, Middle Initial)	Not required for processing
5	Patient's Address	Not required for processing
6	Patient's Relationship to Insured	Not required for processing
7	Insured's Address	Not required for processing
8	Reserved for NUCC Use	Not required for processing
9	Other Insured's Name	If the patient has other health insurance coverage, enter the name of the policyholder in last name, first name, middle initial format
9a	Other Insured's Policy or Group Number	Enter the policy number
9b	Reserved for NUCC Use	Not required for processing
9c	Reserved for NUCC Use	Not required for processing
9d	Insurance Plan Name or Program Name	Enter the name of the plan/program

Field #	Field Description	Guideline
10	Is Patient's Condition Related to	
10a	Employment (Current or Previous)	Select the appropriate box to indicate if the patient's condition is an employment related injury
10b	Auto Accident	Select the appropriate box to indicate if the patient's condition is related to an auto accident
10c	Other Accident	Select the appropriate box to indicate if the patient's condition is related to a different type of accident
10d	Claim Codes (Designated by NUCC)	Not required for processing
11	Insured Policy Group or FECA No.	Enter the policy group or FECA number
11a	Insured's Date of Birth and Sex	Not required for processing
11b	Other Claim ID	Not required for processing
11c	Insured Plan Name or Program Name	Enter the name of the insurance company or program name
11d	Is There Another Health Benefit Plan	Select the appropriate box
12	Patient's Signature	Enter the signature or "signature on file" and include the date in MMDDYY format
13	Insured's or Authorized Person's Signature	Not required for processing
14	Date of Current Illness	Not required for processing
15	Other Date	Not required for processing
16	Dates Patient Unable to Work In Current Occupation	Not required for processing
17	Name of Referring Provider or Other Source	Enter the name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) of the referring provider, if applicable.
17a	ID#	If using NPI in field 17b, enter the taxonomy code in 17a and the qualifier "ZZ" in the box to the left.  If using a DC Medicaid provider ID for an atypical provider, enter the DC Medicaid provider ID in field 17a and the qualifier "1D" in the box to the left.
17b	NPI #	Enter the referring provider's NPI.
18	Hospitalization Dates Related to Current Services	Enter the admission/discharge dates in MMDDYY format if the services are related to hospitalization
19	Additional Claim Information (Designated by NUCC)	When billing for waiver services, enter "03" special program code.
20	Outside Lab? \$Charges	Not required for processing
21	Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury	Enter the 9 if billing with ICD-9 codes or 0 if billing with ICD-10 in the ICD diagnosis indicator to identify which version of ICD codes is being reported. Enter the indicator between the vertical, dotted lines in the upper right-hand portion of the field.  Enter the appropriate numeric diagnosis code.
22	Resubmission Code or Original Ref. No.	Not required for processing
23	Prior Authorization Number	Enter the 10-digit prior authorization number if applicable
24A	Shaded area	Enter the NDC qualifier "N4" and the 11-digit NDC number in the shaded (top portion) of field 24 for physician administered drugs, if applicable.
24A	Date(s) of Service	Enter the FROM and TO date of the service(s) in MMDDYY format.
24B	Place of Service	For each line, enter the one code that best describes the place of service: 01 Pharmacy



Field #	Field Description	Guideline
		02 Telehealth 03 School 04 Homeless Shelter 05 HIS Free-Standing Facility 06 HIS Provider-Based Facility 07 Tribal 638 Free-Standing Facility 08 Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility 09 Prison 10 Telehealth Provided in Patient's Home 11 Office 12 Home 13 Assisted living facility 14 Group Home 15 Mobile Unit 16 Temporary Lodging 17 Walk-in retail Clinic 18 Worksite 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 20 Urgent Care 21 Inpatient hospital 22 Outpatient Hospital 23 Emergency Room Hospital 24 Ambulatory Surgical Center 25 Birthing Center 26 Military Treatment Facility 31 Skilled Nursing Facility 32 Nursing Facility 33 Custodial Care Facility 34 Hospice 41 Ambulance Land 42 Ambulance Air or Water 49 Independent Clinic 50 FQHC 51 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility 52 Psych Facility Partial Hospital 53 Community Mental Health Center 54 Intermediate Care Facility 55 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center 56 Psychiatric Resident Treatment Center 57 Non-Resident Substance Abuse 60 Mass Immunization Center 61 Comprehensive IP Rehab Facility 62 Comprehensive OP Rehab Facility 65 End State Renal Disease Treatment Facility 71 State Local Public Health Clinic 72 Rural Health 81 Independent Laboratory 99 Other
24C	EMG	Not required for processing
24D	Procedures, Services, or Supplies	Enter the CPT or HCPCS code(s) and modifier (if applicable).
24E	Diagnosis Pointer	Enter the diagnosis code reference letter (pointer) as shown in Item Number 21 to relate the date of service and the procedures performed to the primary diagnosis.


Field #	Field Description	Guideline
		When multiple services are performed, the primary reference letter for each service should be listed first, other applicable services should follow. The reference letter(s) should be A – L or multiple letters are applicable. ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes must be entered in Item Number 21 only. Do not enter them in 24E.  Enter letters left justified in the field. Do not use commas between the letters (i.e., ABCD, etc.).
24F	\$ Charges	Enter the usual and customary charges of the services being billed, right justified. Enter "00" in the cents area if the amount is a whole number.
24G	Days or Units	Enter the number of days or units.
24H	EPSDT Family Plan.	Not required for processing
24I	ID Qualifier (shaded area)	If using NPI in field 24J, enter the qualifier "ZZ".  If using a DC Medicaid provider ID for an atypical provider, enter the qualifier "1D".
24J	Rendering Provider ID (shaded area)	Enter the taxonomy code of servicing provider if NPI was entered in 24J (white area); otherwise, enter the DC Medicaid provider ID if an atypical provider.
24J	NPI	Enter the rendering provider's NPI.
25	Federal Tax ID Number	Enter the appropriate social security number or employer identification number
26	Patient's Account Number	Not required for processing
27	Accept Assignment	Not required for processing
28	Total Charge	Enter the total of column 24F.
29	Amount Paid	Enter the amount received from other healthcare plan
30	Rsvd for NUCC Use	Not required for processing
31	Signature of Physician or Supplier	Enter the signature of provider of service or supplier, or his/her representative and the 6-digit date. This is a required field; however, the claim can be processed if the following is true: if a physician, supplier, or authorized person's signature is missing, but the signature is on file; or if any authorization is attached to the claim or if the signature field has "Signature on File" and/or a computer generated signature. Must include the date.
32	Service Facility Location Information	Not required for processing
32a	NPI	Not required for processing
32b	Other ID	Not required for processing
33	Billing Provider Info & Ph #	Enter the billing address for the pay-to-provider and include ZIP+4.
33a	Billing NPI	Enter the pay-to-provider's NPI.
33b	Billing Provider	If using NPI in field 33a, enter the taxonomy code in 33b and the qualifier "ZZ" in the box to the left.  If using a DC Medicaid provider ID for an atypical provider, enter the DC Medicaid provider ID in field 33a and the qualifier "1D" in the box to the left.

\*DC Medicaid provider numbers may only be used for atypical providers. Atypical providers are providers that do not meet the definition of healthcare provider under the Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act (HIPAA), for example waiver providers, attendant care providers, chore services providers, respite care providers.

## 16.1.1 Sample CMS-1500 Claim Form

Figure 6: Sample CMS-1500 Claim Form



**HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM**  
APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE (NUCC) 02/12

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1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> FECA BLK LUNG <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) (Medicaid#) (ID#/DoD#) (Member ID#) (ID#) (ID#)		1a. INSURED'S I.D. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1)	
2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street)		6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
CITY	STATE	7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street)	
ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )	CITY	STATE
9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:	
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER		a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE		b. AUTO ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PLACE (State) ( )	
c. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE		c. OTHER ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME		10d. CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC)	
12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE - I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below. SIGNED _____ DATE _____		11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER	
		a. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	
		b. OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC)	
		c. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME	
		d. IS THERE ANOTHER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, complete items 9, 9a, and 9d.	
14. DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, or PREGNANCY (LMP) MM DD YY QUAL.		15. OTHER DATE MM DD YY QUAL.	
17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE		17a. NPI	
19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)		16. DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY	
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) ICD Ind.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY	
A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____		20. OUTSIDE LAB? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> \$ CHARGES	
E. _____ F. _____ G. _____ H. _____		22. RESUBMISSION CODE ORIGINAL REF. NO.	
I. _____ J. _____ K. _____ L. _____		23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD YY To MM DD YY B. PLACE OF SERVICE C. EMG D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS MODIFIER E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER		F. \$ CHARGES G. DAYS OR UNITS H. EPSON Plan I. ID. QUAL. J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #	
1		NPI	
2		NPI	
3		NPI	
4		NPI	
5		NPI	
6		NPI	
25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER SSN EIN <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.	
31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.)		27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For govt. claims, see back) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION		28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ 29. AMOUNT PAID \$ 30. Rsvd for NUCC Use	
SIGNED _____ DATE _____		33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH # ( )	

NUCC Instruction Manual available at: [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org) PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE APPROVED OMB-0938-1197 FORM 1500 (02-12)

## 17 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 7: Remittance Advice Mailer Page

1022800000#####	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF) #####	PAGE: 440
	MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM REMITTANCE ADVICE	
	<b>[1]</b>	
PLEASE SEND INQUIRIES TO:	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF)	
	%ACS% PROVIDER RELATIONS	
	P.O. BOX 34761	
	WASHINGTON, DC 20043-4761	
TELEPHONE:	(202) 906-8319 OR (866) 752-9233	
WEB PORTAL:	HTTP://WWW.DC-MEDICAID.COM	
	PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONER, M.D. <b>[2]</b>	
	P.O. BOX 812300	
	WASHINGTON, DC, 20017 <b>[3]</b>	

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

Figure 8: 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 PRACTITIONER, 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 P.O. BOX 34761 WASHINGTON, DC 20043-4761 (202) 906-8319 OR (866) 752-9233 HTTP://DC-MEDICAID.COM
TELEPHONE: [4]	
WEB PORTAL:	
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 PRACTITIONER, M.D P.O. BOX 812300 WASHINGTON, DC, 20017	

Table 5: Remittance Advice Header Page Table

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
PAY TO PROVIDER NUMBER	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.
PROVIDER NAME	2	The name of the provider receiving the remittance advice
PROVIDER ADDRESS 1	3	Provider remit mailing address first address line
PROVIDER ADDRESS 2	3	Provider remit mailing address second address line
PROVIDER CITY	3	Provider Remit Mailing address city
PROVIDER STATE	3	Provider Remit Mailing address state
PROVIDER ZIP	3	Provider Remit Mailing address zip code
PLEASE SEND INQUIRES TO	4	Fiscal Agent Services Name/Address/City/State/Zip, contact phone number and the Web Portal address.
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 9: 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: 00000042	[6]
REMITTANCE: 00438970	[3]	REMITTANCE ADVICE	REMIT SEQ: 00000054	[7]
NPI NUMBER: 130000000	[4]	PROVIDER MESSAGES		

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This is a test message.  
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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.
REMITTANCE	3	The remittance advice number uniquely identifies the remittance Advice prepared for this provider for a given payment cycle.
NPI NUMBER	4	The pay to provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI)
PAGE	5	Page number within each provider's report
RPT PAGE	6	Page number across all provider's reports
REMIT SEQ	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 10: 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: 00000030  
 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
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	09279100010000018			09/24/09-09/24/09	11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	-50.00	.00	.00	-50.00	CREDIT
REF: ORIGINAL TCN: 092681000100000147      DRG CODE:      DRG WEIGHT: 0.00000													
1	99213	HC/HCPCE/CPT CODE			09/24/09-09/24/09				.00	-50.00			CREDIT
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	09279100010000019			09/24/09-09/24/09	11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	40.00	.00	.00	40.00	DEBIT
REF: ORIGINAL TCN: 092681000100000147      DRG CODE:      DRG WEIGHT: 0.00000													
1	99213	HC/HCPCE/CPT CODE			09/24/09-09/24/09				.00	40.00			DEBIT
--- END OF ADJ PAID CLAIMS FOR PROVIDER [REDACTED] ---													

Table 7: Remittance Advice Paid Claims Table

FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
RECIPIENT NAME	1	Patient name
MEDICAID ID	2	Medicaid's recipient ID for this patient
TCN	3	Transaction control number uniquely identifies the claim
PAT ACCT NUM	4	Patient account number as indicated on the claim by the provider
MED REC NO	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.
DATES OF SERV	6	First and last dates of service for this claim
TOB	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.
SVC PVDR	8	Servicing provider ID
SVC PVDR NAME	9	Servicing provider name
SUBMITTED AMT	10	Total charges submitted for this TCN
FEE REDUCTION AMT	11	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
PAT RESP AMT	12	Amount payable by patient
TOT PAID AMT	13	Total amount paid on this TCN. (For balancing, this should equal Submitted Charges minus Adjustments.)
STATUS	14	Claim Status (Paid – Denied – Suspended)
LINE	15	The line-item number on the claim



FIELD NAME	Field #	DESCRIPTION
PROC	16	The line-item procedure code if applicable.
TYPE/DESC	17	The type of code listed in the procedure code (PROC) field.
M1, M2, M3, M4	18	The procedure code modifiers.
REVCD	19	The line-item revenue code if applicable.
THCD	20	The tooth code if applicable.
SVC PROV	21	The line-item servicing provider ID
PROV CONTROL NO	22	The line-item control number submitted in the 837 which is utilized by the provider for tracking purposes. (REF02 qualifier 6R in 835)
DATES OF SERV	23	First and last dates of service for this line item
LINE UNITS	24	Number of units
LN SUBM AMOUNT	25	The line item submitted amount.
FEE REDUCTION AMT	26	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
LN PAID AMOUNT	27	Amount paid for this line item
LN STATUS	28	The line-item status

Figure 11: Remittance Advice Adjustments

DATE: 01/01/01 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF) PAGE: 00000000  
 PROVIDER NO: 00000000 REMITTANCE ADVISE ADJUSTMENTS DEBIT PAGE: 00000000  
 REMITTANCE: REMITTANCE ADVISE ADJUSTMENTS DEBIT SEQ: 00000000  
 NPI NUMBER: REMITTANCE ADVISE ADJUSTMENTS LINEITEM CLAIMS

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 BENEFICIARY NAME MEDICAID ID TCN PAT ACCT NUM MED SEC NO  
 DATES OF SERVICE TOB SVC PROV SVC PROV NAME SUBMITTED AMT FEE REDUCTION AMT PAT RESP AMT TOT PAID AMT STATUS  
 LINE PROC TYPE/DESC LN LN H3 H4 REMD THCD SVC PROV PROV CONTROL NO  
 DATES OF SERV LINE UNITS LN SUBM AMOUNT FEE REDUCTION AMT LN PAID AMOUNT LN STATUS  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 999999999999 999999999999 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 01/01/01-01/01/01 XXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 CREDIT  
 REF: ORIGINAL TCN: 9999999999999999 DSG CODE: XXXXX DSG WEIGHT: 99,999.999999

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 01/01/01-01/01/01 999999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 CREDIT  
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 REF: ORIGINAL TCN: 9999999999999999 DSG CODE: XXXXX DSG WEIGHT: 99,999.999999

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 01/01/01-01/01/01 999999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 999,999,999.99 DEBIT  
 EXCEPTION CODES: XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

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 REF: ORIGINAL TCN: 9999999999999999 DSG CODE: XXXXX DSG WEIGHT: 99,999.999999

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Table 8: Remittance Advice Adjustments Table

Field Name	Description
RECIPIENT NAME	Patient name
MEDICAID ID	Medicaid's recipient ID for this patient
TCN	Transaction Control Number that uniquely identifies the claim
PAT ACCT NUM	Patient Account number
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
TOB	Type of bill
SVC PVDR	Servicing provider ID
SVC PVDR NAME	Servicing provider name
SUBMITTED AMT	Total charges submitted for this TCN
FEE REDUCTION AMT	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
PAT RESP AMT	Amount payable by patient
TOT PAID AMT	Total amount paid on this TCN. (For balancing, this should equal Submitted Charges minus Adjustments.)
STATUS	Claim Status (Paid – Denied – Suspended)
LINE	The line-item number on the claim
PROC	The line-item procedure code if applicable.
TYPE/DESC	The type of code listed in the PROC field.
M1, M2, M3, M4	The procedure code modifiers.
REVCD	The line-item revenue code if applicable.
THCD	The tooth code if applicable.
SVC PROV	The line-item Servicing provider ID
PROV CONTROL NO	The line-item control number submitted in the 837 which is utilized by the provider for tracking purposes. (REF02 qualifier 6R in 835)
DATES OF SERV	First and last dates of service for this line item
LINE UNITS	Number of units
LN SUBM AMOUNT	The line item submitted amount.
FEE REDUCTION AMT	The difference between the submitted amount and the paid amount
LN PAID AMOUNT	Amount paid for this line item
LN STATUS	The line-item status
REF : ORIGINAL TCN	The TCN that is being adjusted.
DRG CODE	DRG Code. (Not currently used).
DRG WEIGHT	DRG Weight. (Not currently used).
EXCEPTION CODES	The line-item exception codes
EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS CODES (EOB)	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:	X199999998	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/PCS/CPT CODE				0682		4.00	400.00
--- END OF PENDING CLAIMS FOR PROVIDER 019999999 ---											

Table 9: Remittance Advice Suspended Claims Table

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
RECIPIENT NAME	Patient name
MEDICAID ID	Medicaid's recipient 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
TYPE/DESC	The type of code listed in the procedure code (PROC) field
M1, M2, M3, M4	The procedure code modifiers.
REVCD	The line-item revenue code if applicable.

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
THCD	The tooth code if applicable.
UNITS	Number of units
SUBMITTED	The line item submitted amount.
EXCEPTION CODES	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		0.00	0.00
	SUSPENDED	0	0.00	
	DENIED	0	0.00	
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	CLAIM PROCESSED TOTAL		0.00	0.00
	PROVIDER FINANCIALS			0.00
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	PAYMENT TOTAL			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 10: Remittance Advice Provider Totals/Legend Table

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
CLAIM TOTALS	Totals for all categories of the RA.
STATUS	The claim status header within claim totals
COUNT	The total claim count specific to the category
SUBMITTED AMT	The total amount submitted by the provider
PAID AMT	The total paid amount.
ORIGINAL PAID	New claims submitted for this cycle
CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS	The total amount of credit adjustments
DEBIT ADJUSTMENTS	The total amount of debit adjustments
VOIDS	Total number of voided claims

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

## 17.1 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.

## 17.2 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 the top right-hand corner of the claim form:

**Code                      Definition**

A                      Adjustment

-or-

V                      Void

-and-

**TCN**      17-digit Transaction Control Number

Using the claim form, the provider must indicate whether the claim is being adjusted by writing the letter "A" in the top right-hand corner of the form. If the claim is being voided, the provider must indicate such by writing the letter "V" in the top right-hand corner of the form. The 17-digit TCN of the current paid claim is to be included at the top right-hand corner of both adjustments and voided claim forms in addition to the appropriate 3-digit adjustment/void reason code. For example, A 23xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 014 or V 23xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 014. Select the appropriate adjustment/void reason code from the list below.

Figure 14: Adjustment Example


**HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM**

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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PICA				PICA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> FECA BLK LUNG <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) (Medicaid#) (ID#/DoD#) (Member ID#) (ID#) (ID#)				1a. INSURED'S LD. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1)			
2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)				3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street)				6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
CITY STATE				7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street)			
ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )				CITY STATE			
8. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)				10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:			
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER				a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER				b. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			

**A 23xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 014****Sample Adjustment**CARRIER  
INSURED INFORMATION

Figure 15: Void Example



V 23xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 014

Sample Void

CARRIER

INSURED INFORMATION

**HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM**  
APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE (NUCC) 02/12

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1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> FECA <input type="checkbox"/> SUX LUNG <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) (Medicaid#) (ID#/DoD#) (Member ID#) (ID#) (ID#)		1a. INSURED'S ID. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1)	
2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street) CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )		6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER		7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street) CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )	
10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO: a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER b. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 11: 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 - New

### **17.3 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 THE 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 Dental Use Only**

- a. Select the appropriate tooth number, quadrant(s), and surface area.

**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:**

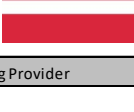
- a. This form must be signed by the physician or authorized prescriber requesting the services to be prior authorized.
- b. Enter the title of the person signing the form.
- c. Enter the date the form was signed.

**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.

Government of the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance Fee-For-Service Medicaid Program																															
<b>719A Prior Authorization Request</b>																															
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"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Eyewear <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>				Home <input type="checkbox"/> ICF/MR <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Office <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																											
Requested Service Data																															
Diagnosis Code		Procedure Code		Description of Services, DME and Supplies				Time Required		Frequency or Units		Estimated Charges																			
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<b>Requesting Physician Certification:</b> 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: _____																															
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<input type="checkbox"/> Any HCPCS code for the following types of DME: ++Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve 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 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
Botox	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Cosmetic, Plastic, reconstructive surgery (limited coverage)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Dental Services	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Durable Medical Equipment	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Hearing Aids and Artificial Larynxes (for Adults)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Home Infusion	Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) Office of Pharmacy Management: 202.442.5952 Fax-202-722-5685		X	
Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities	DC Department on Disability Services Developmental Disabilities Administration Medicaid Waiver Office 202.730.1566 Fax number: 202.730.1804			X
Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Elderly Persons with Disabilities – <b>CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS</b>	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533  (Comagine provides EPD waiver CM PAs only)		X	
Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Elderly Persons with Disabilities— <b>NON-CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS</b>	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533		X	
Home Health Services (non-waiver)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Injections Administered in a Physician's office ("J codes")	DHCF Office of Pharmacy Management: Phone: 202.442.5952 Fax: 202.722.5685		X	
Inpatient Hospital Admissions	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		



Medications dispensed by a pharmacy	Magellan Help Desk-800.273.4962			X
Nutritional Supplements (tube feedings) for in-home care	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Orthotics and Prosthetics	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Optical Services	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Organs Transplants (when covered, e.g., heart, kidney, liver, allogeneic bone marrow)	DHCF / Medicaid Medical Director: 202.442.9077 Fax number: 202.535.1216		X	
Outpatient Procedures Surgeries	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Pain Management Procedures (Inpatient)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Pediatric Specialty Hospital Admissions (i.e., Cumberland and Kennedy Krieger Hospitals)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Personal Care Aide Services (non-waiver)	DHCF Office of Chronic & Long-Term Care 202.442.9533		X	
Pet Scans	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Sleep Studies	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		
Surgical procedures (Some types require prior authorization, including gastric bypass surgery, mammoplasty)	Comagine Health Prior Authorization Unit: 800.251.8890 Email: <a href="mailto:dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org">dcmedicaid@qualishealth.org</a>	X		

## APPENDIX D: IVR INSTRUCTIONS

The Department of Health Care Finance Medicaid Branch 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.

**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 Grouper

**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.