



ACA Access Payments

Webinar

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Background Information

- These are not new supplemental payments.
 - They are increases to the existing Hospital Access Payments.
- Effective date of March 1st to determine quarterly payment pools. First HFS liability is August.

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- Payment amounts will change from quarter to quarter.
 - New calculations are required every quarter.
 - Three monthly payments within each quarter will be the same.
- Payments are not based on a uniform percentage across all Hospital Access Payments.
 - Separate calculations are performed to create an Inpatient payment pool and Outpatient payment pool.

Calculation of the Quarterly Pools

On a quarterly basis, HFS will determine the overall percentage increase to the fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid hospital expenditures due to the newly eligible ACA population.

$$\frac{\text{Total FFS Inpatient Claim Payments (ACA ONLY)}}{\text{Total FFS Inpatient Claim Payments (Title 19 excluding ACA)}} = \text{Inpatient \%}$$

$$\frac{\text{Total FFS Outpatient Claim Payments (ACA ONLY)}}{\text{Total FFS Outpatient Claim Payments (Title 19 excluding ACA)}} = \text{Outpatient \%}$$

- Payments are based on claims with:
 1. Dates of Service March 1, 2014 forward and
 2. Dates of Payment by the Comptroller within that quarter.

Percentages are labeled (b) in the posted PDF file.

Calculation of the Quarterly Pools

These percentages will be multiplied by the corresponding inpatient or outpatient total dollar amounts of FFS Hospital Access Payments that were paid to hospitals during that quarter.

*Note the differences in the Hospital Access Payment amounts used in the determination.

Qtr 1 = 4 months FFS payments (March – June)

Qtr 2 = 3 months FFS payments (July – Sep)

Qtr 3 = 3 months FFS payments (Oct – Dec)

Distribution of the Quarterly Pools

$$\frac{\text{Individual Hospital's Inpatient Hospital Access Pmts}}{\text{Total Aggregate Hospital Inpatient Hospital Access Pmts}} = \text{Individual IP \%}$$

$$\frac{\text{Individual Hospital's Outpatient Hospital Access Pmts}}{\text{Total Aggregate Hospital Outpatient Hospital Access Pmts}} = \text{Individual OP \%}$$

- These percentages will not change.
 - Based on original payment amounts prior to incorporating payments into Managed Care rates.
- Individual hospital % is then multiplied by the appropriate quarterly pool.

Additional Payment Information

- Quarterly payment amounts will be divided by 3 to be create monthly payment amounts.
- Timing:
 - Because HFS must reconcile the increase in these payments to the paid claims data in each quarter, the earliest the calculations can be made is the following month.

Examples:

Claims from March – June
Calculation in July
Payment in Aug, Sept, Oct

Claims from July - September
Calculation in October
Payment in Nov, Dec, Jan

Questions / Answers