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Subject: Fee-for-service Relative-Value Unit weight-based rates effective January 1, 2013

DMAP has updated all Relative-Value Unit (RVU) weight-based non-facility rates to utilize the 2013 Medicare Total Non-Facility RVU Weights. These were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 77, November 16, 2012, with technical corrections published December 14, 2012.

DMAP will continue to use the below base rates.

Type of service	Base rate	Affected codes
Labor and delivery	\$40.79	59400-59622
Primary care services rendered by a primary care provider (Oregon definition)	\$27.82	Oregon primary care codes
All other RVU weight-based professional services (default rate)	\$25.48	-

We are waiting for federal approval to implement new federal primary care rates with the base rate below.

Type of service	Base rate	Affected codes
Primary care services rendered by providers eligible for the federal 2013-2014 rate increase	\$36.0666	99201 through 99499 Adult vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473 and 90474, or successors

DMAP will reprocess claims with dates of service back to Jan. 1, 2013, to pay at 2013 rates

Once we receive federal approval, we will reprocess all relative value based prior claims with service dates back to January 1, 2013 to reflect both the 2013 RVUs and the federal primary care rate increase. We will let you know when we are ready to do this.

What should you do?

If you believe you qualify to receive the new federal primary care rate increase, please [submit your attestation to us by March 31, 2013](#) so that we can apply the rate increase to eligible services rendered on or after January 1, 2013.

- Only practitioners who submit attestations to DMAP will qualify for the federal rate increase.
- Physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who practice Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine or Pediatric Medicine may qualify. To learn more, visit DMAP's [ACA primary care reimbursement page](#).

Additional information about RVU weight-based rates

DMAP now uses statewide Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCIs) to calculate rates for every RVU weight-based code. Before March 2, all GPCIs were 1.0. The formula for calculating each RVU weight-based rate with the new GPCIs is:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{(Work RVU) X (Work GPCI of 1.0)} \\ + \text{(Practice Expense RVU) X (Practice GPCI of 0.969)} \\ + \text{(Malpractice RVU) X (Malpractice GPCI of 0.625)} \end{array} \right] \times \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Conversion} \\ \text{factor} \\ \text{(base rate)} \end{array} \right] = \text{New RVU weight-based rate}$$

DMAP is updating the system with the January 1, 2013 rate increases according to the following schedule. Once these changes are complete, we will reprocess RVU weight-based claims back to January 1 to pay at 2013 rates.

- March 1, 2013 for the 2013 RVU update;
- April 1, 2013 or later for the 2013-2014 federal primary care rate.

For services subject to the federal primary care rate, qualified providers will see both rate changes.

If you wish to download the RVU weights, go to [Medicare's January 2013 Revised Release of the 2013 Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File](#). Click the **RVU13AR** folder and unzip file; open the file named **PRRVU13_V1226_UP0** (We recommend the CSV format).

- The Non-Facility Total is in column L;
- The Work component is in Column F;
- The Practice Expense component in column G;
- The Malpractice component in column K.

Questions?

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If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (phone lines closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily).

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