

# Rural Health Clinics

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# Our Mission

**Improving** health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**

# Bi-Monthly Rural Health Clinic Meeting

**Today's Meeting: 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2020 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Webinar Link: <https://cohcpf.adobeconnect.com/rural>  
Conference Line: 1-877-820-7831 Passcode 294442#**

# Agenda

- Telemedicine
- Rates Topics

# Telemedicine

Telemedicine now qualifies as a billable encounter for all RHCs.

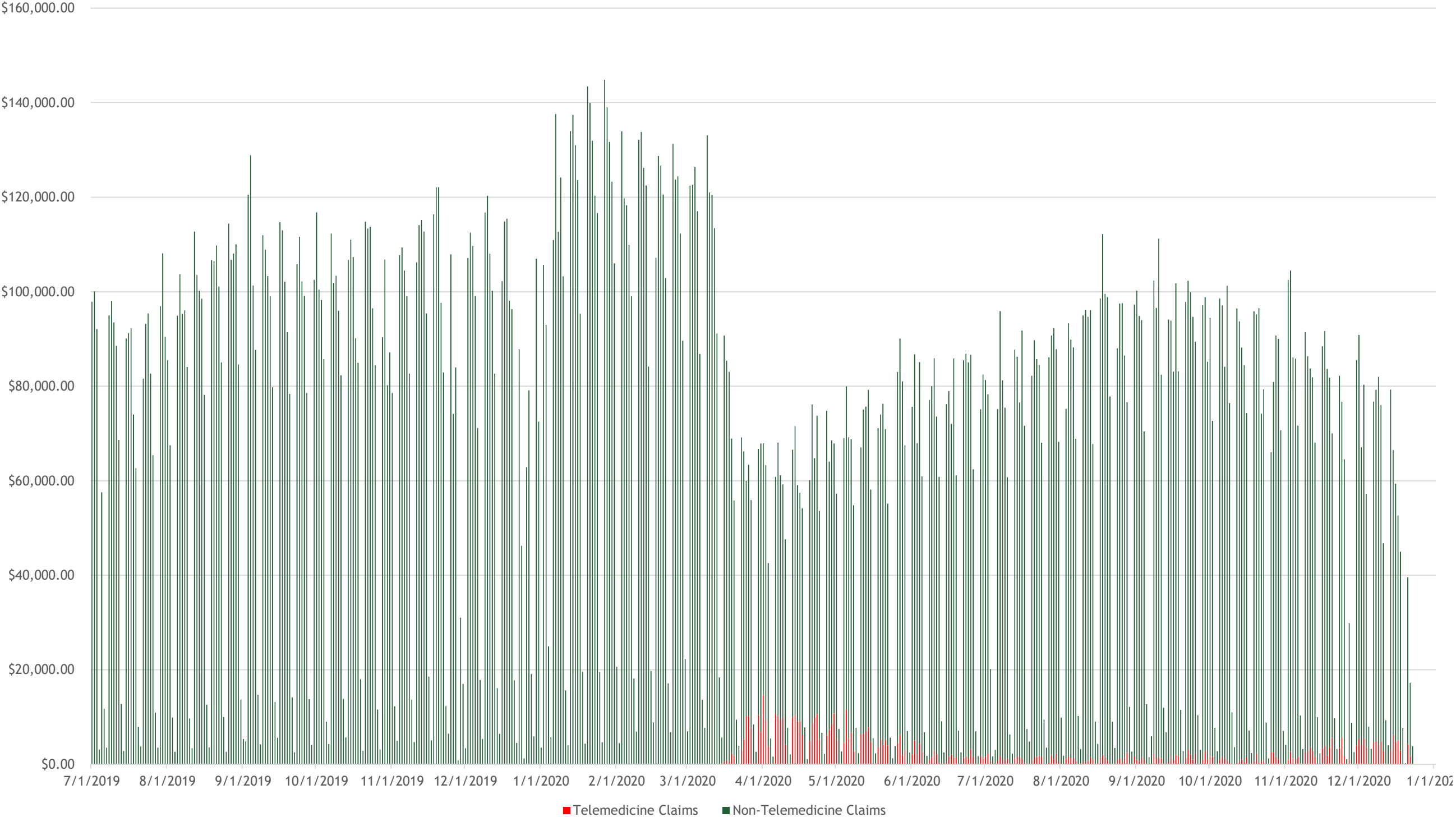
If a service is provided via telephone, live chat, or interactive audiovisual modality, please bill the service with a 521 revenue code and a GT modifier.

The claim will pay at the regular RHC encounter rate.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-telemedicine>

### RHC - Telemed Paid



# Rates Updates

- **Planned Go-Live date: January 1, 2022**
- Updates needed:
  - PPS Change in Scope
  - PPS rate setting for new RHCs
  - APM rate setting
  - Managed Care Accuracy Audit

# PPS Change in Scope Process

The Department needs to establish a change in scope PPS rate adjustment process for RHCs

## Options:

- Use same methodology used with FQHCs \*
- Create new methodology

\* Current Department plan



# FQHC Change in Scope Process

- FQHCs submit applications outlining their change in scope of service
- A change in the scope of services must be an addition or deletion of a service or a change to the type, intensity, or duration of services
- The PPS rates are adjusted using recent cost and visit data from the FQHC cost report
- The updated PPS rates must be 3% different from the current rate

# Change in Scope Calculation

Previous PPS Rate	\$100.00
Previous Cost Per Visit	\$200.00
Current Cost Per Visit	\$300.00
MEI	1.9%
New PPS Rate	\$165.59

# Change in Scope Work Needed

## Decisions:

- Will RHCs use the same change in scope process as the FQHCs?

## Work:

- Create application form
- Training for RHCs

# PPS Rate Setting for New RHCs

The Department needs to formalize a process for setting PPS rates for new RHCs

Options for Both Freestanding and Hospital-Based RHCs

- Set PPS rates based on our current policy \*
- Others ideas?

\* Current Department Plan

# Current PPS Rate Setting

## Freestanding RHCs

PPS rates for new Freestanding RHCs are set at an average of other Freestanding RHC PPS rates in the new RHC's RAE

## Hospital-Based RHCs

PPS rates for new Hospital-Based RHCs are set once a full year of audited cost report information is available.

# New RHC PPS Work Needed

## Decisions:

- Do we want to change PPS rate setting for new RHCs?

## Work:

- Model how new PPS rates would look under different methodologies

# APM Rate Setting - Freestanding RHCs

The Department needs to formalize APM rate setting processes for Freestanding RHCs

## Options

- Use current process - APM rates are set based on the current Medicare UPL rates (Current UPL - \$87.52)
- Create new process where APM rates are set and updated based on Medicare cost reports \*
- Other options?

# UPL Update

- Effective March 31, 2021 the Medicare UPL will increase to \$100.00 per visit

Date Effective	UPL Rate
3/31/2021	\$100.00
1/1/2022	\$113.00
1/1/2023	\$126.00
1/1/2024	\$139.00
1/1/2025	\$152.00
1/1/2026	\$165.00
1/1/2027	\$179.00
1/1/2028	\$190.00



# Questions for Freestanding RHCs

- What is the timeline for cost report submission?
- When are cost reports finalized?
- Is the current APM rate methodology sufficient?

# APM Rate Setting - Hospital-Based RHCs

**The Department needs to formalize APM rate setting processes for Hospital-Based RHCs**

## Options

- Use current process - APM rates are set based on the finalized Medicare cost reports and reconciled \*
- Create a new process where APM rates are set based on finalized Medicare cost reports without reconciliation
- Others ideas?

# What is the 2021 Rate?

Year	PPS Rate	Finalized Cost Per Visit
2017	\$100.00	\$201.00
2018	\$101.40	\$179.00
2019	\$102.82	
2020	\$104.36	
2021	\$106.34	

**\$179.00**

# Questions for Hospital-Based RHCs

- Do you have any issues with the current reconciliation process?
- Is the current APM rate methodology sufficient?

# Interim Rate Setting - New Hospital-Based RHCs

The Department needs to formalize the interim rate setting process for new Hospital-Based RHCs

## Options

- Use current process - interim rates are set based on sister clinic rates or Medicare interim rates. Cost report rates are not used until the first cost report is finalized
- Create a new process where interim rates are updated more frequently with more updated cost data

# APM Work Needed

## Decisions:

- Do we want to make any changes to the current APM rate setting methodologies?

## Work:

- Model how APM rates would look under different APM methodologies

# Managed Care Accuracy Audit

**The Department needs to establish a Managed Care Accuracy Audit (MCAA) process to ensure RHCs are reimbursed at least their per visit encounter rate by MCEs**

**The Department strongly prefers to use the FQHC MCAA process to ensure consistency and avoid confusion**

# FQHC Managed Care Accuracy Audit Process

- FQHCs and MCEs submit quarterly data comparing the number of encounters to the total paid amount by the MCE.
- If these numbers do not match, the FQHC and MCE reconcile this data.
- If the FQHC has been underpaid, the Department sends a letter to the MCE with the amount due.
- The MCE makes the payment to the FQHC.





FQHC Name:

FQHC Number(s):

Months under Review:

Year under Review:

**Federally Qualified Health Center Managed Care Accuracy Audit Report**

**FQHC Data Section**

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.
Name, Medicaid ID of Managed Care Entity	Number of Valid Visits	Medicaid Encounter Rate	(B*C) Total Payments FQHC Should Have Received	Payments Received from MCE	Other Payments Received	(D-E-F) Amount Due FQHC
1.			\$0.00			\$0.00
2.			\$0.00			\$0.00
3.			\$0.00			\$0.00
4.			\$0.00			\$0.00
5.			\$0.00			\$0.00
6.			\$0.00			\$0.00
7.			\$0.00			\$0.00
8.			\$0.00			\$0.00
9.			\$0.00			\$0.00
10.			\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	-		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

# MCAAR Work Needed

## Decisions:

- When do we go-live with the Managed Care Accuracy Audit Report process?

## Work:

- Training for RHCs and MCEs
- Create and upload forms and attestation statements

# Other Topics?

We want to hear from you!



# Questions?

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# Thank You!