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Rate Reductions for Services Billed on Professional Claims and Institutional Hospital Claims

On August 28, 2025, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and C.R.S. § 24-75-201.5, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2025 014](#) declaring insufficient revenues available for expenditures and ordering the suspension, in whole or in part, of certain State programs or services in order to meet a revenue shortfall for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and balance the state budget.

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) *will reduce all fee-for-service rates previously increased by 1.6% as a result of legislative appropriations for FY 2025-26.* This is pursuant to the Executive Order and consistent with the Governor's Office presentation to the Joint Budget Committee.

When does the rate change begin?

The rates will be reduced for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025.

Which provider types are impacted?

This will affect providers who bill using the Professional claim form (CMS 1500) and hospital providers who bill on the Institutional (UB-04) claim form.

Dental services, some Home and Community Based services and Pediatric Behavioral Therapies will be targeted for a rate adjustment exceeding the 1.6% decrease.

All other professional fees will be impacted by the across-the-board rate reductions.



Hospital

An email will be sent to hospital stakeholders to review the 30-day posting of new hospital rates. Impacted rates include:

- Inpatient APR-DRG hospital base rates
- Outpatient EAPG hospital base rates
- Per Diem Specialty & Psychiatric hospital base rates

Contact Diana Lambe at Diana.Lambe@state.co.us with any questions relating to inpatient hospital rates.

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Dental

Targeted rate adjustments for Dental rates effective for dates of service (DOS) beginning October 1, 2025, can be found in the table below. The Department calculated that a 15.5% reduction to the July 2024 rate for each of these codes would meet the required savings target. The Department believes that applying the reduction preserves the intent of the General Assembly to the greatest extent possible by ensuring that the codes which had the most significant disparities do not receive a disproportionate reduction. In almost all cases, rates remain higher than they would if the increase to each code was reduced by 43.6%. A 1.6% reduction to all other codes will apply based on the Executive Order to roll back rate increases that were implemented on July 1, 2025.

| Procedure Code | Code Description | Rate Effective 10/01/2025 |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| D0120 | Periodic oral evaluation | \$32.41 |
| D0140 | Limited Oral Evaluation Problem Focused | \$44.90 |
| D0150 | Comprehensive Oral Evaluation | \$51.57 |
| D1110 | Prophylaxis Adult | \$82.39 |
| D1120 | Prophylaxis Child | \$61.72 |
| D1206 | Topical fluoride varnish | \$35.46 |
| D1351 | Sealant Per Tooth | \$48.25 |
| D1352 | Prev resin rest, perm tooth | \$83.93 |
| D1354 | Interim Caries Arresting Medicament Application, Per Tooth | \$46.08 |
| D2740 | Crown, Porcelain/Ceramic substrate | \$717.54 |
| D2750 | Crown Porcelain High Noble Metal | \$710.70 |
| D2751 | Crown Porcelain Base Metal | \$648.14 |
| D2752 | Crown Porcelain Noble Metal | \$674.56 |
| D2790 | Crown Full Cast High Noble Metal | \$733.98 |
| D2794 | Crown Titanium | \$707.16 |

| Procedure Code | Code Description | Rate Effective 10/01/2025 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| D2930 | Prefab Stainless Steel Crown Primary | \$167.72 |
| D3310 | End Therapy, anterior tooth | \$675.80 |
| D3320 | End Therapy, bicuspid tooth | \$775.46 |
| D3330 | End Therapy, molar | \$937.37 |
| D3346 | Retreatment Root Canal Anterior | \$770.31 |
| D3347 | Retreatment Root Canal Bicuspid | \$882.28 |
| D3348 | Retreatment Root Canal Molar | \$1,052.92 |
| D4341 | Periodontal Scaling & Root Planing | \$225.20 |
| D4342 | Periodontal Scaling 1 to 3 Teeth | \$160.28 |
| D4910 | Periodontal Maintenance | \$125.91 |

Pediatric Behavioral Therapy

Targeted rate adjustments for Pediatric Behavioral Therapies effective for dates of service (DOS) beginning October 1, 2025, may be found in the table below.

| Procedure Code | Code Description | Rate Effective 7/1/2025 | Rate Effective 10/1/2025 |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 97151 | BHV ID ASSMT BY PHYS/QHP | \$27.59 | \$27.09 |
| 97153 | ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR TX BY TECH | \$18.17 | \$17.20 |
| 97154 | GRP ADAPT BHV TX BY TECH | \$11.51 | \$8.81 |
| 97155 | ADAPT BEHAVIOR TX PHYS/QHP | \$26.62 | \$25.80 |
| 97158 | GRP ADAPT BHV TX BY PHY/QHP | \$17.83 | \$9.34 |

Durable Medical Equipment

The rate decrease applies to manually-priced claims that follow the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) less or invoice acquisition plus methods only.

| Method/Source | 2025 Decrease (1.6% Decrease- Effective Oct 1, 2025) |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Durable Medical Equipment | |
| MSRP less | 13.78% |
| Invoice acquisition cost plus | 24.06% |
| Prosthetics | |
| MRSP less | 13.78% |
| Invoice acquisition cost plus | 24.06% |

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) will be impacted by the 1.6 percent across-the-board decrease.

Targeted rate reductions for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the waiver amendment process. Providers will be notified when specific targeted rate reductions for HCBS services will be effective in future provider bulletins.

Fee schedules may be found on the [Provider Rates and Fee Schedule web page](#).

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