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### **Medicaid Primary Care Enhanced Reimbursement**

The State of New York has provided Healthfirst with information that further clarifies the Primary Care payment enhancement that will be implemented for qualified providers participating in the Medicaid plan this year. Healthfirst is providing the state's requirements as outlined below, which all physicians who wish to participate in this initiative, must comply with in order to qualify to receive such payments. In order to attest to this qualification, the State has provided an attestation form which can be accessed [here](#).

Additionally, an [FAQ](#) is available from the State. We will continue to provide you with updates as we move further towards implementation.

Effective January 1, 2013, States will need to reimburse primary care physicians at Medicare fee levels for 2013 and 2014 for both FFS and Managed Care. Enhanced reimbursement is limited to qualified physicians. A qualified physician is defined as a physician whom can self-attest to a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatric medicine or a subspecialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association. As part of that attestation, the physician must specify that they are either Board certified in an eligible specialty or subspecialty and/or that 60 percent of their Medicaid claims for the prior year were for the E&M and vaccine administration codes specified in federal regulation.

Qualified physicians must self-attest to become eligible for the enhanced payment. Information on the provider attestation process will be provided in a future *Medicaid Update*.

Primary care services that qualify for increased payment designated in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) are as follows:

- \* Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes 99201 through 99499
- \* Vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 40473, 40474, or their successor codes

The December 2012 Medicaid Update provides additional detail on the regulation at [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2012/2012-12.htm#med](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2012/2012-12.htm#med).

The final rule is at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-06/pdf/2012-26507.pdf>.