



BCCHP Providers: What You Need to Know About Maternal and Child Health vs. Primary Care Physician Add-On Codes

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) is committed to educating and informing our providers of certain highly discussed topics throughout the year. This month's topic, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Primary Care Physician (PCP) add-on codes, is specific to our Blue Cross Community Health PlansSM (BCCHPSM) providers. The MCH and PCP add-ons are codes on the HFS fee schedule that give an increased reimbursement amount. The add-on amount may vary depending on whether the patient is a child or adult.

In a [News and Updates](#) article posted April 11, 2019, we stated that on Feb. 11, 2019, BCBSIL identified a system issue involving PCP add-on fee payments. Since then, all identified affected claims have been reprocessed. Below is a review of the MCH vs PCP criteria and examples.

Criteria to Include MCH Add-On Fees

[According to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services \(HFS\)](#), increased reimbursement rates for selected MCH services are available to physicians who meet the following criteria and sign the HFS MCH Primary Care Provider Agreement, in addition to being enrolled as a Medical Assistance Provider.

- Maintain hospital admitting privileges
- Provide periodic health screenings (EPSDT) and primary care as needed
- Provide obstetrical care and delivery services as appropriate
- Perform risk assessment for pregnant women and/or children
- Maintain 24-hour telephone coverage for consultation including ensuring "sick" children and "at-risk" pregnant women are treated as needed, based on a triage of need
- Schedule diagnostic consultant and specialty visits as appropriate
- Provide adequate equal access to medical care for clients in cooperation with the department or its designated case management entity

Criteria to Include PCP Add-On Fees

[According to HFS](#), the Affordable Care Act (ACA), allows increased payment for certain Medicaid primary care services provided by certain qualified primary care providers.

To receive the enhanced payments, physicians must attest to providing primary care services within a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine. In addition, the physician must attest that they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Hold board certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association in pediatric medicine, internal medicine or family medicine or an associated subspecialty
- Physicians who have furnished primary care services (see procedures on [HFS site](#)) that equal at least 60% of the Medicaid codes paid during the most recently completed calendar year, or for newly eligible providers, the prior month.

Maternal and Child Health CPT Codes

The following CPT codes are eligible for the MCH Add-Ons from the [HFS practitioner fee schedule](#):

90791, 90792, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99291

Example 1: Per the HFS fee schedule below, CPT code 90791 has a state maximum reimbursement of \$70, but it indicates that there is an add-on of \$52.11 for a child or adult. Therefore, the total reimbursement for this code is \$122.11.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Practitioner Fee Schedule Effective 04/01/2019 Updated 06/26/2019																			
Procedure Code	Note	Prog Cov	Eff Date	HP	NDC Ind	Surg Ind	AV	M1 (26)	M2 (TC)	Asst Surg	Co-Surg	Unit price	Max Qty	State Max	Surg	Add-On		Rate reduced by 2.7%	
																Child	Adult	Unit price	State Max
90791		04	01/01/13	N		N								70.00		52.11	52.11		68.11

Primary Care Physician CPT Codes

The following CPT codes are eligible for the PCP Add-Ons from the [HFS practitioner fee schedule](#):

99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99489, 99349, 99350, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395

Example 2: Per the HFS fee schedule below, CPT Code 99201 has a state maximum reimbursement of \$27.95, but it indicates that there is an add-on of \$1.60 for a child or adult. Therefore, the total reimbursement for this code is \$29.55. Notice that the PCP add-on code has a “P” in the note field.

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99201	P	04	02/01/09	N		N						27.95		27.95		1.60	1.60	27.20	27.20

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