

Section 7 General Provisions

7.4.A. Rescission to the State's Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective January 1, 2023, the State rescinds the election at Item E.4 of Section 7.4 (approved on March 16, 2021, in DR SPA Number 20-0040) of the state plan for COVID-19 vaccine administration by a Tribal 638 non-FQHC clinic provider that would not otherwise have qualified for an All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) payment, reimbursed based on the fee schedule rates established under E.2.

Effective January 1, 2023, the State rescinds the election at Item E.4. of Section 7.4 (approved on March 2, 2022, in DR SPA Number 21-0020) for supplemental reimbursement to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC), and Tribal FQHC providers for COVID-19 vaccine-only visits.

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7.4. Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective January 1, 2023, the State rescinds the election in Section E of this Section of the state plan (as approved on March 26, 2021 in Disaster Relief SPA 21-0016), which increased the reimbursement rates for Durable Medical Equipment considered to be oxygen and respiratory equipment to 100 percent of the applicable Medicare rate during the COVID-19 National Emergency. This rescission does not affect or supersede any other Disaster Relief SPA.

The State rescinds the election ***below*** in Section E of this Section of the state plan:

Section E – Payments:

Increases to state plan payment methodologies:

2. The agency increases payment rates for the following services:

Please list all that apply.

Durable medical equipment (DME), as described in State Plan Attachment 3.1-A, paragraph 2a and paragraph 7c.2, and Attachment 4.19-B, pages 3a-3c and 3e-3f, that are considered to be oxygen and respiratory equipment. For purposes of this section, DME will include oxygen contents, oxygen equipment, and respiratory equipment procedure codes, and any equivalent codes as adopted by Medicare in the future, that are implemented by the Department through the Medi-Cal fee-for-service fee schedule.

The payment increase will be effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020. For a new procedure code implemented by the Department on or after March 1, 2020 that meets the above definition, the payment increase will be effective upon the Department's implementation of the new code, which will be no earlier than the date the new code is adopted by Medicare.

This change will affect the DME methodology for the above described oxygen and respiratory equipment as the methodology is set forth on pages 3a-3c and 3e-3f of Attachment 4.19-B. The change will authorize a reimbursement rate equivalent to 100 percent of the Medicare rate for oxygen and respiratory DME procedure codes.

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7.4.A. Rescissions to the State’s Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective 3/14/2023, the agency rescinds the following elections of section 7.4 of the State Plan (approved on 5/12/2020 in SPA Number CA-20-2024):

1. At Page 90j, Section E.3.c, Payment for Services Delivered via Telehealth, paragraph 1:
 - FQHC/RHC/Tribal 638 Clinic Telehealth/ Telephonic visit: Modify the face-to-face requirement for telehealth/telephonic visits as described in pages 6B.1 of Attachment 4.19 B [FQHC/RHC] and Supplement 6, page 1 [Tribal 638 Clinics].

2. At Page 90l, Section E.4, Other payment changes, paragraph 3:
 - Add Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) and Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT) as billable provider types in addition to the provider types listed on pages 6B.1 and 6C of Attachment 4.19-B for FQHCs and RHCs.