

## Important Update for All Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics

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Dear FQHC/RHC Provider:

Please note that there is an important change that will affect all Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) billing for services rendered to persons enrolled in the Georgia Families program.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Amended Agreement between the Georgia Department of Community Health and WellCare, FQHC and RHC core services will be reimbursed by WellCare with an all-inclusive Prospective Payment System (PPS) reimbursement rate per visit based on the pre-established rate assigned to the specific center. The effective date of this new reimbursement structure will be determined once the new WellCare contract is approved by CMS and notification is provided by The Department of Community Health.

As soon as we receive that notice from DCH we will send final notification of the effective date of the new payment methodology and rates. Until that time we will continue to pay claims as we have been to this point.

“Core services” are defined in Section 901 of the Georgia Department of Community Health’s **Part II - Policies and Procedures for Federally Qualified Health Center Services** and **Part II - Policies and Procedures for Rural Health Clinic Services**. See Section 904 under “Other Ambulatory Clinic Services” which are not included in the PPS reimbursement rate per visit and are billed separately by category of service.

When submitting your bill to WellCare, please bill all services using your facility NPI number. This billing methodology applies to all core services as well as other reimbursable ambulatory clinic services.

If you have questions, please contact your Provider Relations representative.

Sincerely,  
WellCare of Georgia