

## **Title 23: Division of Medicaid**

### **Part 203: Physician Services**

#### **Chapter 1: General**

##### *Rule 1.4: Physician Office Visits*

- A. The Division of Medicaid covers twelve (12) physician office visits per state fiscal year whether occurring during or after office hours or provider established office hours.
- B. The Division of Medicaid:
  - 1. Defines regularly scheduled office hours as the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Saturday, Sunday and federal and state holidays, referred to in Rule 1.4 as “office hours”.
  - 2. Permits providers to set regularly scheduled office hours outside of the Division of Medicaid’s definition of office hours, referred to in Rule 1.4 as “provider established office hours”.
  - 3. Requires providers to maintain records indicating the provider’s established office hours and any changes including:
    - a) The date of the change,
    - b) The provider established office hours prior to the change, and
    - c) The new provider established office hours.
- C. The Division of Medicaid reimburses a fee in addition to the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E&M) code for a physician office visit when the visit:
  - 1. Occurs during the provider established office hours which are set outside of the Division of Medicaid’s definition of office hours, or
  - 2. Occurs outside of office hours or provider established office hours only for a condition which is not life-threatening but warrants immediate attention and cannot wait to be treated until the next scheduled appointment during office hours or provider established office hours.
- D. The Division of Medicaid reimburses only the appropriate E&M code for a physician office visit scheduled during office hours or provider established office hours but not occurring until after office hours or provider established office hours.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121.

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