

1. If the services are provided to Division of Youth and Family Services children residing out-of-State; or
2. If the services are provided in an emergency.

(f) Each Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary's care in an independent clinic shall be under the supervision of a physician directly affiliated with the clinic. The physician shall assume professional responsibility for the services provided and thus assure that the services are medically appropriate.

(g) A physician affiliated with a clinic shall spend as much time in the facility as is necessary to assure that Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiaries are receiving services in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with accepted standards of medical and dental practice.

(h) For a physician to be affiliated with a clinic, there shall be a contractual agreement or some other type of formal, written arrangement on file at the facility between the physician and the facility by which the physician is obligated to supervise the care provided to the clinic's Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiaries.

1. The contractual agreement or formal, written arrangement shall indicate the physician's responsibilities and compensation.

(i) The size of the clinic and the type of services it provides determines the number of physicians that must be affiliated with the clinic.

(j) The clinic's medical staff, including physicians, dentists, and other practitioners, shall be appropriately licensed in order to provide the medical care delivered to Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiaries.

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See: 30 N.J.R. 3434(a), 30 N.J.R. 4225(b).

Inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service and substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients throughout.

#### 10:66-1.4 Prior authorization

(a) In addition to N.J.A.C. 10:49-6.1, this section outlines prior authorization requirements for dental, mental health, rehabilitative, and vision care services, in (b), (c), (d) and (e) below, respectively. Prior authorization requirements by the Physician Case Manager for persons participating in managed health care programs are located at N.J.A.C. 10:49-21.4(c).

(b) Dental services require prior authorization as indicated in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' Dental Services chapter, N.J.A.C. 10:56.

(c) Mental health services provided to each Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary require prior authorization when payment to an independent clinic exceeds \$6,000 for that Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service

beneficiary in any 12-month period, commencing with the beneficiary's initial visit.

1. The maximum period of authorization is up to 12 months for all mental health services. Additional authorizations may be requested.

2. When requesting prior authorization, Form FD-07, Request for Authorization of Mental Health Services, shall be completed and forwarded to: Mental Health Consultant, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code # 18, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712. See the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement, N.J.A.C. 10:66—Appendix, for instructions on the completion of the prior authorization form.

3. The "Brief Clinical History" and "Present Clinical Status" sections of the prior authorization form are particularly important and must provide sufficient medical information to justify and support the proposed treatment request. Failure to comply may result in a reduction or denial of requested services.

4. A departure from the plan of care requires a new request for prior authorization when a change in the beneficiary's clinical condition necessitates an increase in the frequency and intensity of services, or change in the type of services which exceeds the cost of the services authorized.

5. Similarly, a new request for authorization is required for a medical/remedial therapy session or encounter that departs from the plan of care in terms of increased need, scheduling, frequency, or duration of services furnished (for example, unscheduled emergency services furnished during an acute psychotic episode).

6. If the request for prior authorization is approved, the Division's fiscal agent shall notify the provider in writing regarding the Division's decision; authorized date or time frame; and activation of the prior authorization number. If the request is modified, denied, or if the Division requires additional information, the provider is so notified in writing by the fiscal agent.

(d) Rehabilitative services require prior authorization from the appropriate Medicaid District Office (MDO) after the initial evaluation visit.

1. When requesting prior authorization or reauthorization, Form FD-06, Request for Prior Authorization for Rehabilitative Services, shall be completed and forwarded to the beneficiary's respective MDO. See the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement for instructions on the completion of the prior authorization form.

2. Authorization shall be considered only when the request includes a written prescription from a licensed physician.

3. The prescription shall substantiate the need, type of treatment, objective of treatment, and an estimate of the number of treatment days.

4. The prescription shall be definitive as to type and scope. A prescription for "Physical therapy three times a week" is not acceptable.

5. The maximum period of authorization is 60 days.

i. Reauthorizations for periods not exceeding 60 days may be approved by the MDO when the request is supported by:

- (1) The physician's written prescription;
- (2) A statement of the anticipated number of treatments required; and
- (3) A progress report of the beneficiary's condition.

6. If the request for prior authorization is approved, the Division's fiscal agent shall notify the provider in writing regarding the Division's decision; authorized date or time frame; and activation of the prior authorization number. If the request is modified, denied, or if the Division requires additional information, the provider is so notified in writing by the fiscal agent.

(e) Vision care services require prior authorization as indicated in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' Vision Care Services chapter, N.J.A.C. 10:62.

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See: 30 N.J.R. 3434(a), 30 N.J.R. 4225(b).

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#### 10:66-1.5 Basis for reimbursement

(a) Except as indicated at (c) through (e) below, reimbursement to independent clinics is in accordance with the maximum fee schedule indicated at N.J.A.C. 10:66-6.2 and is based on the same fees, conditions, and definitions for corresponding services governing the reimbursement of Medicaid-participating and NJ KidCare fee-for-service-participating practitioners in "private" (independent) practice. Reimbursement is made directly to the clinic.

1. An independent clinic shall make a charge for services to all patients, except as provided by legislation, with the proviso that no charge will be made directly to the Medicaid or NJ KidCare-Plan A or B fee-for-service patient, and the charge to the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs may not exceed the charge by the clinic for identical services to other groups or individuals in the community.

(b) The HCPCS procedure code system, N.J.A.C. 10:66-6, contains procedure codes and maximum fee allowances corresponding to Medicaid-reimbursable and NJ KidCare fee-for-service-reimbursable services. An independent clinic may claim reimbursement for only those HCPCS procedure codes that correspond to the allowable services included in the clinic's provider enrollment approval letter, as indicated at N.J.A.C. 10:66-1.3(a).

1. If a HCPCS procedure code(s), approved for use by a specific clinic, is assigned both a specialist and non-specialist maximum fee allowance, the amount of the reimbursement will be based upon the status (specialist or non-specialist) of the individual practitioner who actually provided the billed service. To identify this practitioner enter the Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service Provider Services Number in the appropriate section of the claim, as indicated in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement, N.J.A.C. 10:66-Appendix.

(c) The basis for reimbursement of services provided in an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) is as follows:

1. Reimbursement shall be made for services rendered by both the ASC facility and the attending physician, if the physician is not reimbursed for surgical/medical services by the facility.

2. For facility reimbursement, surgical procedures performed in an ASC are separated into an eight-group classification system as designated at 42 CFR 416.65(c), the Federal regulations governing ASC services.

i. A single payment is made to an ASC which encompasses all facility services furnished by the ASC in connection with a covered procedure performed on a patient in a single operative session.

ii. If more than one covered surgical procedure is performed on a patient during a single operative session, payment is limited to two procedures, provided that the two procedures are performed at separate operative body sites.

(1) Full payment shall be made for the procedure with the highest Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service reimbursement allowance. Payment for the other procedure shall be at 50 percent of the applicable reimbursement allowance for that procedure. Total reimbursement may not exceed 150 percent of the primary procedure allowance.

iii. The ASC facility payment for all procedures in each group is established at a single rate, as follows:

Group	Maximum Fee Allowance
1	\$195.00
2	\$261.00
3	\$300.00
4	\$369.00
5	\$421.00
6	\$541.00
7	\$585.00
8	\$627.00

Note: Should the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) amend the group designation for any procedure(s), the maximum fee allowance for the newly designated group shall apply and shall not be construed as a fee increase/decrease to the affected procedure(s).