CHAPTER 66

INDEPENDENT CLINIC SERVICES

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 66, Manual for Independent Clinic Services, was adopted as R.1973 d.228, effective October 1, 1973. See: 5 N.J.R. 226(c), 5 N.J.R. 339(b).

Chapter 66, Manual for Independent Clinic Services, was repealed and a new Chapter 66, Independent Clinic Services Manual, was adopted as R.1980 d.249, effective June 30, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 275(b), 12 N.J.R. 418(f).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 66, Independent Clinic Services Manual, was readopted as R.1983 d.615, effective December 15, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1732(a), 16 N.J.R. 145(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 66, Independent Clinic Services Manual, was readopted as R.1989 d.33, effective December 15, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 2562(a), 21 N.J.R. 162(a).

Chapter 66, Independent Clinic Services Manual, was repealed and a new Chapter 66, Independent Clinic Services, was adopted as R.1993 d.641, effective December 6, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4379(a), 25 N.J.R. 5528(c).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10:66–1.1 Scope of service

(a) This chapter (N.J.A.C. 10:66) describes the policies and procedures of the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ Kid-

Care fee-for-service programs pertaining to the provision of, and reimbursement for, medically necessary Medicaid-covered and NJ KidCare-covered services in an independent clinic setting. An independent clinic setting includes, but is not limited to, clinic types such as an ambulatory care facility, ambulatory surgical center, ambulatory care/family planning facility, and a Federally qualified health center.

(b) Medically necessary services provided in an independent clinic setting shall meet all applicable State and Federal Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service laws, and all applicable policies, rules and regulations as specified in the appropriate provider services manual of the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs.

(c) Independent clinic services are preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative services that are provided by a facility (freestanding) that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients, including such services provided outside the clinic by clinic personnel to any Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary who does not reside in a permanent dwelling or does not have a fixed home or mailing address. Clinic services do not include services provided by hospitals to outpatients.

(d) The chapter is divided into six subchapters, as follows:

1. N.J.A.C. 10:66–1 contains scope of service, definitions, provisions for provider participation, prior authorization, basis for reimbursement, and recordkeeping requirements.

2. N.J.A.C. 10:66–2 contains policies and procedures pertaining to specific Medicaid-covered and NJ KidCare-covered services provided in an independent clinic setting. Where unique characteristics or requirements exist concerning a particular Medicaid-covered or NJ KidCare-covered service, the service is separately identified and discussed.

3. N.J.A.C. 10:66–3 contains information about HealthStart, a program for pregnant women and children.

4. N.J.A.C. 10:66–4 and its Appendix contain information about Federally qualified health centers, including rules governing the provision of services; the Medicaid cost report containing the forms used by Federally qualified health centers to determine Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A fee-for-service reimbursement amounts; and instructions for the proper completion of the forms contained in the cost report.

5. N.J.A.C. 10:66–5 contains information about ambulatory surgical centers, including covered services, anesthesia, medical justification, facility services, and medical records.

6. N.J.A.C. 10:66–6 pertains to the Health Care Financing Administration's Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The HCPCS procedure code system contains procedure codes and maximum fee allowances corresponding to Medicaid-reimbursable services.

(e) The Appendix following N.J.A.C. 10:66–6 pertains to the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement. The Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement contains billing instructions and samples of forms (claim forms, prior authorization forms, and consent forms) used in the billing process.

Amended by R.1998 d.577, effective December 7, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 3434(a), 30 N.J.R. 4225(b).
Inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service and NJ KidCare-covered services throughout; in (c), substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients; and in (d)4, inserted a reference to NJ KidCare-Plan A fee-for-service.

10:66–1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise.

"Ambulatory care facility" means a health care facility or a distinct part of a health care facility, licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services, which provides preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services to persons who come to the facility to receive services and depart from the facility on the same day.

"Ambulatory care/family planning facility" means a health care facility or a distinct part of a health care facility, licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services to provide specified surgical procedures.

"Ambulatory surgical center" means any distinct entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization; has an agreement with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) under Medicare to participate as an ambulatory surgical center; is licensed as an ambulatory surgical center, if required, by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services; and meets the enrollment requirements as indicated in the Administration chapter at N.J.A.C. 10:49–3.2, Enrollment process, and at N.J.A.C. 10:66–1.3, Provisions for provider participation.

"Audited financial statements" are defined in requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 10:66–4.2. This section provides a set of guidelines so that FQHC providers will know the criteria for a satisfactory audit.

"Compensated hours" means all hours for which an employee receives compensation, payment or any form of remuneration, including regular time, overtime, vacation time, sick time, personal time, educational time, and all other compensated time.

"Dental clinic" means a freestanding independent facility, or a distinct component of a multi-service ambulatory care facility, which meets the standards for dental clinics established by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

"Drug treatment center" means a facility or a distinct part of a facility which is licensed or approved by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services to provide health care for the prevention and treatment of drug addiction and drug abuse, as indicated in the Manual of Standards for Licensure of Drug Treatment Facilities, N.J.A.C. 8:42B.

"Federally qualified health center" means an entity that is receiving a grant under Section 329, 330, or 340 of the Public Health Service Act; or is receiving funding from such a grant under a contract with the recipient of such a grant and meets the requirements to receive a grant under Section 329, 330, or 340 of the Public Health Service Act; or based on the recommendation of the Health Resources and Services Administration within the Public Health Service, is determined by the Secretary to meet the requirements for receiving such a grant; or was treated by the Secretary, for purposes of Medicare Part B, as a Federally Funded Health Center as of January 1, 1990.

"Freestanding facility" means a facility which is not located in a hospital but may, or may not, be under its auspices.

"Hour" means a standard 60–minute period.

"Independent clinic" means a facility that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients.

"Medicare limit" means the Medicare FQHC urban payment limit as provided for in section 1833(a)(3) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 13951(a) and section 1861(v)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(v), and 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395ww(d). The Medicare limit is adjusted for inflation annually by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The MEI is determined in accordance with section 1842(b)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395b(3) and regulation at 42 C.F.R. 405.504.

"Mental health clinic" means a freestanding independent community facility or distinct component of a multi-service ambulatory care facility, which meets the minimum standards established by the Community Mental Health Services Act implementing rules at N.J.A.C. 10:37.

"Personal care assistant" means a person who has:

1. Successfully completed a minimum 40–hour training program in personal care services approved by the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs. The individual is assigned and supervised by a registered professional nurse of a Medicaid and NJ KidCare approved personal care provider agency.

i. The individual is primarily involved in the treatment and care of mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled patients in community settings, and is employed by a State agency or by an agency under contract with a State agency.

"Satellite" means an affiliate of a separately enrolled independent clinic. A satellite is located at a site distinct from that of the separately enrolled independent clinic but shares the same governing authority.

"Specialist" means a fully licensed physician who:

1. Is a diplomate of a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board of the American Osteopathic Association;

2. Is a fellow of the appropriate American specialty college or a member of an osteopathic specialty college;

3. Is currently admissable to take the examination administered by a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board of the American Osteopathic Association, or has evidence of completion of an appropriate qualifying residency approved by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association;

4. Holds an active staff appointment with specialty privileges in a voluntary or governmental hospital which is approved for training in the specialty in which the physician has privileges; or

5. Is recognized in the community as a specialist by his or her peers.

"Specialist in dentistry" means an individual who is licensed to practice dentistry in the state in which treatment is provided, and whose practice is limited solely to his or her specialty, which is recognized by the American Dental Association. Additional conditions regarding the qualifications for a dental specialist for the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs are located in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' Dental Services chapter, N.J.A.C. 10:56.

"Specialist in podiatry" means an individual who is licensed to practice podiatry in the state in which treatment is provided, and who is a Diplomate of the appropriate American Podiatry Association-recognized board or has been notified of admissibility to examination by the appropriate American Podiatry Association recognized board.

"Specialist in psychology" means an individual who is licensed to practice psychology in the state in which treatment is provided, and who is a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology (Diplomate Qualified) or has been notified of admissibility to the examination by the American Board of Professional Psychology (Diplomate Eligible).

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See: 28 N.J.R. 1952(b), 28 N.J.R. 3573(b).
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See: 30 N.J.R. 3434(a), 30 N.J.R. 4225(b).
In "Personal care assistant", inserted references to NJ KidCare throughout 1; and in "Specialist in dentistry", inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service throughout.

10:66–1.3 Provisions for provider participation

(a) Each independent clinic, including each satellite, shall be individually approved by the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs in conjunction with the program's fiscal agent, for each service provided. If a clinic wishes to add a service(s), approval from the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs shall be obtained before reimbursement for the service(s) may be claimed. For additional details, see the Administration chapter, N.J.A.C. 10:49–3.2, Enrollment process, and N.J.A.C. 10:49–3.3, Providers with multi-locations.

1. A clinic's medical staff, including physicians, dentists, and other practitioners, shall enroll in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs, as indicated in the Administration chapter at N.J.A.C. 10:49–3.4, in order to obtain an individual Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service Provider Services Number to be used when the clinic submits a claim to the Division's fiscal agent.

(b) Each independent clinic seeking enrollment in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs shall possess a certificate of need and/or license, if required, from the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

1. The facility shall provide only those services for which it is licensed or authorized to provide by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

2. A photocopy of the license shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs as an attachment to a clinic's initial application for enrollment and when the license is renewed on an annual basis.

(c) In addition to (a) and (b) above, each independent clinic shall obtain approval from the relevant Federal and State agency(ies), if required. For example:

1. For an ambulatory surgical center, an agreement with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) under Medicare to participate as an ambulatory surgical center and licensure as an ambulatory surgical center, if required, by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services;

2. For a Federally qualified health center, approval by the Health Care Financing Administration as a Federally qualified health center and licensure by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services as an ambulatory care facility;

3. For an ambulatory care/family planning/surgical facility, licensure as an ambulatory care/family planning/surgical facility by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services;

4. For a dental clinic, approval by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the Bureau of Dental Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) of the New Jersey Department of Human Services;

5. For a mental health clinic, approval by the Division of Mental Health Services of the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and

6. For child health conferences, approval by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services as indicated at N.J.A.C. 10:66–3.3.

(d) Requests for approval to perform radiological services, with Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service reimbursement, shall be submitted to the New Jersey Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service program and shall include:

1. The radiologist's name(s) and copy(ies) of the license(s); and

2. Documentation from the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services relating to the installation and safety of X-ray equipment.

(e) Each out-of-State clinic seeking reimbursement for services provided to New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiaries shall enroll, if the clinic is approved by Title XIX (Medicaid) in its own state, in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs as indicated in the Administration chapter at N.J.A.C. 10:49–3.2(c). Services are reimbursable under the following circumstances:

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.

Amended by R.1998 d.577, effective December 7, 1998.
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; and in (a), changed N.J.A.C. reference.

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).

3. Physician reimbursement shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' Physician Maximum Fee Allowance for specialist and non-specialist, N.J.A.C. 10:54, and the following:

i. When submitting a claim, the physician performing the surgical procedure shall use the applicable claim form, billing the New Jersey Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service program either as an individual provider or as a member of a physician's group.

ii. A physician on salary for administrative duties (such as a medical director) shall be permitted to submit claims for surgical/medical services performed if outside his or her administrative duties and not billed by the facility. Administrative duties shall be considered a direct cost of the facility and shall be included in the clinic payment.

(d) The basis for reimbursement of services provided in a Federally qualified health center (FQHC) is as follows:

1. For cost reporting periods beginning prior to January 1, 1994, FQHC reimbursement shall be made at an interim encounter rate as described in (d)3 below. The interim encounter rate includes an add-on for the cost expended by a FQHC for the outstationing of county welfare agency (CWA) staff to determine Medicaid eligibility. An FQHC's financial responsibility for outstationing activities is equivalent to the non-Federal share (currently 50 percent) of estimated CWA costs for the calendar year.

i. Estimated outstationing charges for each FQHC shall be used to determine the amount to be withheld from Medicaid payments and disbursed to CWAs each calendar quarter.

ii. Withholdings (see (d)1i above) shall be made at the beginning of each calendar quarter in an amount equal to one-fourth of the estimated annual outstation charge for each FQHC.

2. For cost reporting periods beginning on and after January 1, 1994, FQHC reimbursement shall be based on the same HCPCS procedure code fees, conditions and definitions for corresponding services governing the reimbursement of Medicaid-participating and NJ KidCare-participating practitioners in "private" (independent) practice, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:54–9 and 10:56–3 and reimbursement of independent clinics in accordance with this chapter.

i. FQHC reimbursement shall include an interim encounter rate as described in (d)3 below to be billed once for each Medicaid fee-for-service FQHC encounter. FQHCs shall bill HCPCS fees excluding the encounter procedure codes. The interim encounter rate shall be based upon all reasonable costs not reimbursed by the HCPCS procedure code fees, and shall include an add-on for the cost expended by a FQHC for the outstationing of county welfare agency staff to determine Medicaid or NJ KidCare eligibility. An FQHC's financial responsibility for outstationing activities is equivalent to the non-Federal share (currently 50 percent) of estimated CWA costs for the calendar year.

ii. Estimated outstationing charges for each FQHC shall be used to determine the amount to be withheld from Medicaid and NJ KidCare–Plan A fee-for-service payments and disbursed to CWAs each calendar quarter.

iii. Withholdings (see (d)2ii above) shall be made at the beginning of each calendar quarter in an amount equal to one fourth of the estimated annual outstation charge for each FQHC.

3. The interim encounter rate shall be determined as follows:

i. For cost reporting periods beginning prior to January 1, 1992:

(1) For those FQHCs that have filed a Medicare cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be the current Medicare interim encounter rate.

(2) For those FQHCs that have not filed a Medicare cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be an average of the interim encounter rates described in (d)3i(1) above.

ii. For cost reporting periods beginning on and after January 1, 1992 and prior to January 1, 1994:

(1) The interim encounter rate shall be the prior year's actual encounter rate as calculated from the Medicaid cost report which shall be incremented by the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index. The interim encounter rate may be adjusted to approximate the reimbursable cost the FQHC is currently incurring to provide covered services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

(2) If there is no prior year actual encounter rate available, the interim encounter rate shall be the Medicare state limit for FQHCs. In this case, the Medicare state limit may be adjusted for Medicaid-only costs which are not included in the Medicare state limit.

iii. For cost reporting periods beginning on and after January 1, 1994 and prior to January 1, 1995:

(1) For those FQHCs that have filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be calculated from data on prior years' cost reports.

(2) For those FQHCs that have not filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be an average of the interim encounter rates of all FQHCs that have filed a Medicaid cost report.

iv. For cost reporting periods beginning on and after January 1, 1995 and prior to July 15, 1996:

(1) For those FQHCs that have filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be the prior year's actual encounter rate as calculated from the Medicaid cost report which shall be incremented by the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index. The interim encounter rate may be adjusted to approximate the reimbursable cost the FQHC is currently incurring in providing covered services to Medicaid recipients.

(2) The FQHCs that have not filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be an average of the interim encounter rates described in (d)3iv(1) above.

v. For services rendered on and after July 15, 1996:

(1) For those FQHCs that have filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be based on the lower of:

(A) Allowable costs incurred by the facility based on the prior year's cost report inflated by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), adjusted to reflect amounts reimbursed through the billing of HCPCS codes; or

(B) The Medicaid limit (described in (d)3v(1)(B)(I) through (IV) below), adjusted to reflect amounts reimbursed through the billing of HCPCS codes.

(I) 120 percent of the Medicare Limit for FQHCs for the service period from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997;

(II) 115 percent of the Medicare Limit for FQHCs for the service period from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998;

(III) 110 percent of the Medicare Limit for FQHCs for service periods beginning July 1, 1998 and thereafter;

(IV) If an FQHC is to receive less Medicaid reimbursement per encounter as a result of this methodology, the reduction will be limited to 20 percent of the prior year's actual encounter rate adjusted for HCPCS reimbursement (actual encounter rate, as defined in (d)4(i) below). This limitation will apply until the FQHC's rate reductions are within the parameters described in (d)3i(1)(B)(I) through (III) above.

(2) For those FQHCs that have not filed a Medicaid cost report, the interim encounter rate shall be an average of the interim encounter rates described in (d)3v(1) above.

vi. The interim encounter rate may be adjusted during an accounting period. Such adjustment may be made either upon request of the facility, or if there is evidence available to the Medicaid and NJ KidCare–Plan A programs showing that actual costs will be significantly higher or lower than the computed rate. When a facility requests an adjustment of the interim encounter rate, the request shall be supported by a schedule showing that actual costs incurred to date plus estimated costs to be incurred will be significantly higher or lower than the computed rate.

4. The actual encounter rate shall be calculated from the facility's Medicaid cost report, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:66–4.2.

i. For services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries prior to July 15, 1996, the actual encounter rate shall be calculated based upon reasonable costs of Medicaid services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

ii. For services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries on and after July 15, 1996, the actual encounter rate shall be based upon:

(1) The lower of actual allowable costs per encounter; or

(2) The Medicaid limit per encounter.

iii. FQHCs are subject to screening requirements to test the reasonableness of the productivity of the staff employed by a FQHC, as follows:

(1) At least 2.1 encounters per compensated hour, per physician; with the exception of the FQHC's Medical Director for which reported hours shall be the greater of:

(A) 50 percent of compensated hours; or

(B) Actual hours providing direct care.

(2) At least 1.1 encounters per compensated hour, per nurse practitioner or nurse midwife;

(3) At least 1.25 encounters per compensated hour, per dentist or dental hygienist; and

(4) Each hour a physician, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, dentist, or dental hygienist is compensated, shall represent one hour to be reported for screening purposes, except as provided in (d)4ii(1) above.

iv. The actual encounter rate shall be subject to adjustment based upon any audits of the Medicaid cost report.

5. If a provider wishes to appeal the final rate determination, a written request shall be filed with the Director, Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code #23, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625–0712, or the Director's designee, no later than the 180th day following the date of the provider's receipt of the Notification of Final Settlement. See N.J.A.C. 10:49–10.

i. The appeal shall identify the specific items of disagreement and the amount(s) in question, and provide reasons and documentation to support the provider's position.

6. Reimbursement costs shall be determined by multiplying the actual encounter rate times the number of paid Medicaid and NJ KidCare–Plan A encounters for the cost reporting period. Should there be a discrepancy between the FQHC's reported encounters and the fiscal agent's reported encounters, the fiscal agent's encounters shall be used for determination of reimbursable costs. Final Settlement shall be determined as the difference between reimbursable costs and all payments made on behalf of Medicaid or NJ KidCare–Plan A beneficiaries, which includes managed care organization payments.

i. If the final settlement results in an underpayment, a lump sum payment shall be made to the FQHC.

ii. If the final settlement results in an overpayment made to the FQHC, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) shall arrange repayment from the FQHC through a lump-sum refund or through an offset against subsequent payments, or a combination of both.

7. A Medicaid cost report including the FQHC's audited financial statements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:66–4 and the Appendix to Subchapter 4 shall be submitted to the Director, Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code #23, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625–0712, or the Director's designee. The cost report shall be legible and complete in order to be considered acceptable. See N.J.A.C. 10:66–4 Appendix, incorporated herein by reference.

i. The Medicaid cost report and audited financial statements shall be filed following the close of a provider's reporting period. Cost reports and audited financial statements are due on or before the last day of the fifth month following the close of the period covered by the report.

ii. A 30–day extension of the due date of a cost report may, for good cause, be granted by the DMAHS. Good cause means a valid reason or justifiable purpose in seeking an extension; it is one that supplies a substantial reason, affords a legal excuse for delay, or is the result of an intervening action beyond one's control. Acts of omission and/or negligence by the FQHC, its employees, or its agent, shall not constitute "good cause."

iii. To be granted this extension the provider must submit a written request to, and obtain written approval from, the Director, Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code #23, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625–0712, or the Director's designee.

iv. A request for an extension must be received by the Director, Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, or the Director's designee, at least 30 days before the due date of the Medicaid cost report and audited financial statements.

v. If a provider's agreement to participate in the Medicaid or NJ KidCare program terminates or the provider experiences a change of ownership, the cost report is due no later than 45 days following the effective date of the termination of the provider agreement or change of ownership. An extension of the cost report due date cannot be granted when the provider agreement is terminated or a change in ownership occurs.

vi. Failure to submit an acceptable cost report on a timely basis may result in suspension of interim payments. Payments for claims received on or after the date of suspension may be withheld until an acceptable cost report is received.

(e) The basis for reimbursement of services provided in an ambulatory care/family planning facility is as follows:

1. Reimbursement for the services of an ambulatory care/family planning/surgical facility shall be made for services rendered by both the facility and the attending physician, if the physician is not reimbursed for surgical/medical services by the facility.

2. The facility reimbursement rate shall equal 70 percent of the applicable ambulatory surgical center rate for the procedures, in accordance with reimbursement rates, N.J.A.C. 10:66–1.5(c).

3. Physician reimbursement shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' Physician Maximum Fee Allowance for specialist and non-specialist, N.J.A.C. 10:54, and the following:

i. When submitting a claim, the physician performing the surgical procedure shall use the applicable claim form, billing the New Jersey Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service program either as an individual provider or as a member of a physician's group.

ii. A physician on salary for administrative duties (such as a medical director shall be permitted to submit claims for surgical/medical services performed if outside his or her administrative duties and not billed by the facility. Administrative duties shall be considered a direct cost of the facility and shall be included in the clinic payment.

Amended by R.1996 d.331, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1952(b), 28 N.J.R. 3573(b).
Amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).
See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).
Rewrote (d).
Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).
Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.
Amended by R.1998 d.577, effective December 7, 1998.
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; in (a), and inserted a reference to NJ KidCare–Plan A or B fee-for-service patients in 1; in (d)2, changed N.J.A.C. reference in the introductory paragraph, rewrote the first sentence of i, and inserted a reference to NJ KidCare–Plan A fee-for-service payments in ii; in (d)3vi, inserted a reference to NJ KidCare Plan A; in (d)6, substituted a reference to NJ KidCare Plan A for a reference to NJ KidCare in the introductory paragraph, and substituted a reference to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services for a reference to Medicaid in ii; and in (d)7, substituted a reference to NJ KidCare Plan A for a reference to NJ KidCare in the introductory paragraph, substituted a reference to DMAHS for a reference to the New Jersey Medicaid program in ii, and inserted a reference to NJ KidCare in v.

Amended by R.1999 d.211, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 1, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 998(a), 31 N.J.R. 1806(a), 31 N.J.R. 2879(b).

10:66–1.6 Recordkeeping

(a) An individual record shall be prepared and retained by an independent clinic that fully discloses the kind and extent of the service provided to a Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary, as well as the medical necessity for the service.

(b) At a minimum, a clinic shall include a progress note in the Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary's medical/health record for each visit which supports the procedure code(s) billed, except where specified otherwise. The progress note shall include a description of signs and symptoms, treatment and/or medication(s) given, the beneficiary's response, and any changes in physical or emotional condition.

(c) Additional requirements governing medical records in an ambulatory surgical center are located in N.J.A.C. 10:66–5.

(d) The information described in this subsection shall be made available to the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs or is agents upon request.

Amended by R.1998 d.577, effective December 7, 1998.

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.

Case Notes

Adapted tricycle was medically required for treating chronic encephalopathy. K.H. v. Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (DMA) 3.

10:66–1.7 Personal contribution to care requirements for NJ KidCare–Plan C and copayments for NJ KidCare–Plan D

(a) General policies regarding the collection of personal contribution to care for NJ KidCare–Plan C and copayments for NJ KidCare–Plan D fee-for-service are set forth at N.J.A.C. 10:49–9.

(b) Personal contribution to care for NJ KidCare-Plan C services is $5.00 a visit for clinic visits, except when the service is provided as indicated in (e) below.

1. A clinic visit is defined as a face-to-face contact with a medical professional under the supervision of the physician, which meets the documentation requirements of this chapter.

2. Clinic visits include medical professional services provided in the office, patient's home, or any other site, excluding a hospital, where the child may have been examined by the clinic staff. Generally, these procedure codes are in the 90000 HCPCS series of reimbursable codes at N.J.A.C. 10:66–9.

3. Clinic services which do not meet the requirements of a clinic visit as defined in this chapter, such as surgical services, immunizations, laboratory or x-ray services, do not require a personal contribution to care.

4. Encounter procedure codes billed by Federally Qualified Health Centers do not require a personal contribution to care.

(c) Clinics are required to collect the personal contribution to care for the above-mentioned NJ KidCare-Plan C services if the NJ KidCare-Plan C services Identification Card indicates that a personal contribution to care is required and the beneficiary does not have a NJ KidCare form which indicates that the beneficiary has reached their cost share limit and no further personal contributions to care is required until further notice.

(d) Personal contributions to care are effective upon date of enrollment.

1. Exception: A personal contribution to care shall not apply to services rendered to a newborn until the newborn is enrolled in a managed care program.

(e) No personal contribution to care shall be charged for well child visits in accordance with the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics; lead screening and treatment; age appropriate immunizations; preventive dental services; prenatal care; for family planning services; or for substance abuse treatment services.

(f) The copayment for clinic services under NJ KidCare–Plan D shall be $5.00 per visit;

1. A $10.00 copayment shall apply for services rendered during non-clinic hours.

2. The $5.00 copayment shall apply only to the first prenatal visit.

(g) Clinics are required to collect the copayment specified in (f) above except for those situations described in (h) below. Copayments shall not be waived.

(h) Clinics will not charge a copayment under Plan D for services provided to newborns, who are covered under fee-for-service for Plan D; or for preventive services, including well child visits in accordance with the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics; or for lead screening and treatment; or for age appropriate immunizations; or for preventive dental services covered for children under 12.

New Rule, R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).
See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).
Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).
Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.
Amended by R.1999 d.211, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 1, 1999).
See: 31 N.J.R. 998(a), 31 N.J.R. 1806(a), 31 N.J.R. 2879(b).
In (a), added reference to copayments for NJ KidCare–Plan D; added (f) through (h).

10:66–1.8 Medical exception process (MEP)

(a) For pharmacy claims with service dates on or after September 1, 1999, which exceed PDUR standards recommended by the New Jersey DUR Board and approved by the Commissioners of DHS and DHSS, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services has established a Medical Exception Process (MEP).

(b) The medical exception process (MEP) shall be administered by a contractor, referred to as the MEP contractor, under contract with the Department of Human Services.

(c) The medical exception process shall apply to all pharmacy claims, regardless of claim media, unless there is a recommended exemption by the New Jersey DUR Board which has been approved by the Commissioners of DHS and DHSS, in accordance with the rules of those Departments.

(d) The medical exception process is as follows:

1. The MEP contractor shall contact prescribers of conflicting drug therapies, or drug therapies which exceed established PDUR standards to request written justification to determine medical necessity for continued drug utilization.

i. The MEP contractor shall send a Prescriber Notification Letter which includes, but may not be limited to, the beneficiary name, HSP identification number, dispense date, drug quantity, drug description. The prescriber shall be requested to provide the reason for medical exception, diagnosis, expected duration of therapy, and expiration date for medical exception.

ii. The prescriber shall provide information requested on the Prescriber Notification to the MEP contractor.

2. Following review and approval of a prescriber's written justification, if appropriate, the MEP contractor shall override existing PDUR edits through the issuance of a prior authorization number.

3. The MEP contractor shall notify the pharmacy and prescriber of the results of their review and include at a minimum, the beneficiary's name, mailing address, HSP number, the reviewer, service description, service date, and prior authorization number, if approved, the length of the approval and the appeals process if the pharmacist does not agree with the results of the review.

4. Prescribers may request a fair hearing to appeal decisions rendered by the MEP contractor concerning denied claims (see N.J.A.C. 10:49–10, Notices, Appeals and Fair Hearings).

5. Claims subject to the medical exception process which have not been justified by the prescriber within 30 calendar days shall not be authorized by the MEP contractor and shall not be covered.

New Rule, R.1999 d.232, effective July 19, 1999 (operative September 1, 1999).
See: 31 N.J.R. 245(a), 31 N.J.R. 1956(a).

SUBCHAPTER 2. PROVISION OF SERVICES

10:66–2.1 Introduction

This subchapter describes the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' policies and procedures for the provision of Medicaid-covered and NJ KidCare fee-for-service-covered services in an independent clinic setting. Services are separately identified and discussed only where unique characteristics or requirements exist. Unless indicated otherwise, reimbursement issues are located in N.J.A.C. 10:66–1.5, Basis for reimbursement.