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To: Anesthesiologists

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Subject: Fee-for-service rate increase for general anesthesia provided during a dental visit, effective October 1, 2023

Effective October 1, 2023, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is increasing the fee-for-service ("open card") reimbursement rate for CPT code 00170 (general anesthesia) provided during a dental visit.

- The rate will be a flat fee of \$800 with no addition for time.
- This rate only applies to services provided in the dental clinic setting and billed in the professional claim format using an appropriate non-facility Place of Service code.

The fee-for-service rate for general anesthesia provided in hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers is not changing.

Why is this happening?

This increase will better compensate anesthesiologists for expenses they incur when working in a dental clinic setting.

What should you do?

To ensure the increase applies to services provided on or after October 1, 2023, list the appropriate Place of Service code when billing for CPT code 00170.

If patients need general anesthesia in the dental clinic setting for urgent treatment that cannot wait until October 1, 2023, please request an exception from the Medicaid Dental Policy Analyst (contact information below).

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Medicaid Dental Policy Analyst Jessica Dusek at Jessica.D.Dusek@oha.oregon.gov or 503-510-0252.

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