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CMS Finalizes Medicaid Primary Care Payment Rule Affecting Dual Eligibles

CMS has finalized a rule that will pay Medicaid primary care physicians at the same rate as Medicare in 2013 and 2014, a move that is likely improve access to care for individuals who receive both Medicare and Medicaid Services (dual eligibles). On Friday, November 2, CMS announced the final rule specifying that federal funding will be provided to states to increase payments to physicians who specialize in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine. CMS will provide a 100% federal contribution, or Federal Financial Participation, for the increased physician payment.

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