Immunization Pay-for-Performance Initiative

Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals

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• In collaboration with the Office of Public Health (OPH) Immunization Program, LA Medicaid has implemented an Immunization Pay–for–Performance (P4P) Initiative which includes incentive supplemental payments to CommunityCARE providers.

P4P has been recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Medicaid Promising Practice.
Goals for the Initiative

- This initiative was implemented to:

1. Promote up-to-date immunizations of Louisiana Medicaid eligible children; and
2. Increase utilization of the LINKS immunization registry.

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Requirements to Participate:

- Enrolled in LA Medicaid as a CommunityCARE PCP.
- Enrolled in and **utilizing** the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.
- Enrolled in and **utilizing** the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS) immunization registry.
  - **Utilizing** is defined as input of recipient immunization data into LINKS in the past 30 days.
CommunityCARE PCPs interested in participating must register at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) by logging in to the secure portion of the website and choosing the P4P link from the available options.
Welcome to the Louisiana Medicaid Provider Support Center

The PDL changes from the Aug. 13, 2008 P&T meeting will include:

- **2009 Community Hospital DSH Forms** 10/31/08
- **OPH Blood Lead Poisoning Requirement** 10/29/08
- **Adult Immunizations Policy** 10/22/08
- **Pediatric Moderate (Conscious) Sedation** 10/06/08
- **Hospital Outpatient Updates** 10/06/08
- **Dental Hospital Calls and Sedation Policy Revisions** 10/01/08
- **NPI Information** 09/08/08
- **Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads Policy** 08/29/08
- **NPI Electronic Billing Changes** 07/17/08
- **URGENT NOTICE CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NPI** 06/12/08
Medicaid Website
Link for Pay-for-Performance information from Home page
Information required to complete this registration includes:

- CommunityCARE PCP Medicaid Billing Provider ID Number
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- VFC PIN Number
- LINKS Provider ID (IRMS Number)
- LINKS Facility Name (must be exactly as registered with LINKS)

- All of the above information will also be required for any subcontractor of KIDMED services that provide immunizations

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P4P Registration (cont’d)

- **NOTE**: In the event the registered P4P provider obtains a new CommunityCARE PCP Medicaid Billing Provider ID#, the provider MUST register the new Medicaid billing number for P4P participation to continue and be eligible for payments.

  e.g. – change from one provider type to a different provider type.
Subcontractors

- If KIDMED services, including immunizations, are contracted out, the subcontractor must be enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS.

- The PCP will be responsible for obtaining all provider specific information listed on the earlier slide from the subcontractor.

- This information is required to be entered at the time the PCP registers to participate in the pay-for-performance initiative.
Monthly validation of each registered PCP for utilization of VFC and LINKS is done by the OPH Immunization Program.

Providers determined to not have utilized LINKS for a month will NOT be eligible for Pay–for–Performance payments for that month.
Incentive supplemental payments are dependent on:

- The CommunityCARE PCP being enrolled in and utilizing VFC and LINKS.

- The percentage of 24 month old Medicaid enrolled children linked to the PCP that are up-to-date with all recommended childhood immunizations and these immunizations must be entered in LINKS.

- The number of CC linkages to the PCP for recipients under 21 years of age.
How are the payments made?

- The incentive payment calculations are currently completed on a monthly basis.

- Payments of these monthly calculations are currently made on a quarterly basis to the PCP.
Incentive payment tiers as of April 1, 2010:

**Tier One**

- $0.25 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 years linked to the CC PCP if 60% to 74% of the recipients aged 24 months old with CC linkage to the PCP are up-to-date with the vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1 (4–DTaP, 3–IPV, 1–MMR, 3–HIB, 3–HEPB, & 1–Varicella), or....
Tier Two

- $0.50 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 years linked to the CC PCP if 75% to 89% of the recipients aged 24 months with CC linkages to the PCP are up-to-date with vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1, or…
Tier Three

- $1.00 per Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 years linked to the CC PCP if 90% or more of the recipients aged 24 months with CC linkages to the PCP are up-to-date with vaccine series 4:3:1:3:3:1.
*NOTE:*

Providers participating in this initiative will only qualify for a single level of payment.

E.g. Providers with an immunization rate of 82% will only qualify for the second tier payment – not both the first and second tier.

Payments are made to the registered Medicaid provider # and not to specific provider sites.
Up-to-Date Percentage Calculations

- Immunization data is received monthly from LINKS and matched to Louisiana Medicaid Eligibility files (using recipient Medicaid ID, SSN, Name, DOB). Providers are encouraged to enter the 13 digit Medicaid ID or SSN or both into the LINKS record. Having the correct recipient Medicaid ID and/or SSN in LINKS assists Medicaid in ensuring the child is correctly identified and included in the data for payment calculations. If the Medicaid ID or SSN are not present in LINKS, Medicaid will attempt to match the LINKS record with Medicaid eligibility files using name/DOB.

- Children determined to be Medicaid Eligible are sorted by CommunityCARE PCP.

- Any 24 month old children linked to the PCP that do not have a LINKS immunization record will have a blank immunization record created for this percentage calculation.
Up-to-Date Percentage Calculations (cont’d)

- Each PCP’s file of immunization data for 24 month old children linked for CommunityCARE is input into the CDC’s software program CoCASA to determine the percentage of 24 month old children up-to-date with the 4:3:1:3:3:1 vaccine series by 24 months of age.

- This percentage is then used to determine if a payment benchmark is met and if so, which level of payment ($0.25, $0.50, or $1.00 PMPM) each PCP is eligible to receive.
Provider Remittance Advice (RA) Statements

- P4P quarterly payment details (Remittance Reports) are available only on the secure portion of www.lamedicaid.com web site by selecting the Immunization Pay-for-Performance option from the provider-specific options available.
Payment details for each Pay-for-Performance (P4P) quarterly payment will **not** be included on the regular claims Remittance Advice.

Providers should notify their business office staff of the P4P payments and how to obtain payment details.
Preliminary Participation Report

- The Preliminary Participation Report provides each P4P registered PCP with their preliminary monthly P4P participation status, including information used to determine final P4P payments (e.g. percentage of up-to-date recipients at age 24 months).

- Also included on this report is data that compares the PCP’s percentage to other PCP percentages in their region and statewide.
Preliminary Participation Report (cont’d)

- This report is available monthly and is available only on the secure portion of the Medicaid web site, www.lamedicaid.com, and selecting the Immunization Pay-for-Performance option from the provider-specific options available.
**Additional Information**

- [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) follow the link for Pay-for-Performance.

- Contact Provider Relations: (800) 473–2783.

- Contact Office of Public Health Immunization Program: (504) 838–5300