



Automated Medical Payments

Medicaid Bulletin

Colorado Title XIX

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Old Age Pension Health and Medical Fund

On January 4, 2002, the Department of Human Services State Board adopted the Old Age Pension (OAP) Health Care Program Rules. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing previously administered the OAP Health Care Program. The authority for this program resides with Human Services through Article 24 of the Constitution and 26-2-111 of C.R.S. Human Services will determine benefits and payment for services rendered. The fiscal agent will continue to process claims for those clients who are not Medicaid eligible.

Effective February 1, 2002, benefit limitations will be implemented to prevent overspending the fund's \$10 million cap. Because the program is a state-funded program and not an entitlement, authorized amounts cannot be exceeded. If utilization rates continue at the same level as they have during the past six months, the program will be over the cap by nearly \$2 million.

To counteract an over expenditure, the following services will be eliminated until further notice for OAP Health Care Program clients:

- Inpatient services
- Transportation, to include emergency
- All retroactive benefits (client can only be eligible from date of application)

In addition, the following provider payment reductions will be effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2002:

- Out patient payment reduced by 20%
- Pharmacy payment reduced by 20%
- Practitioner payment reduced by 20%
- Maximum client co-payment increased from \$150 to \$300

Clients are eligible to apply for the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) for benefits not covered by the OAP Health Care Program.

The Emergency Medical Services to Aliens Program may cover life and death emergency hospital admissions for non-citizen OAP Health Care Program clients.

The monthly Medicaid Authorization Card (MAC) has been revised. The message reads: "**Benefits are limited to those of the Old Age Pension Health Care program and do not include psychiatric, nursing home, HCBS, inpatient or medical transportation**"

Please continue to verify client eligibility through CMERS or WINASAP.

If the claim overpayments are made in error, recoveries will be made retroactively.

Please direct questions about Medicaid billing to:

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