

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services hereby amends Chapter 77, “Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” and Chapter 80, “Procedure and Method of Payment,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments add two new Medicaid provider types for the purpose of members’ cost-sharing protections related to qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) members and health insurance premium payment (HIPP) members.

These amendments ensure that anytime a QMB or HIPP member is seen by an out-of-network Iowa Medicaid provider, the provider may enroll for the limited purpose of billing the Department for coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 3321C** on September 27, 2017. The Department received no comments during the public comment period.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on November 8, 2017.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

These amendments will become effective January 10, 2018.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** rule 441—77.53(249A):

**441—77.53(249A) Qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) providers.** Any Medicare provider not enrolled as an Iowa Medicaid provider for the general Medicaid population may enroll to be a QMB provider.

**77.53(1) Reimbursement.** A QMB provider may only bill the department for the QMB-eligible member’s Medicare cost-sharing obligations. Reimbursement is limited to coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles for Medicare-covered services.

**77.53(2) Definitions.**

“*Coinsurance*” means a percentage of costs of a covered health care service that has to be paid.

“*Copayment*” means a fixed amount a member pays for a covered health care service.

“*Deductible*” means the amount paid for covered health care services before the insurance plan will effect payment.

“*Medicare cost sharing*” means the Medicare member’s responsibility for a Medicare-covered service. “Medicare cost sharing” includes coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

“*Qualified Medicare beneficiary*” or “*QMB*” means an individual who has been determined eligible for the QMB program pursuant to 441—subrule 75.1(29). Under the QMB program, Medicaid pays the individual’s Medicare Part A and B premiums; coinsurance; copayment; and deductible (except for Part D).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** rule 441—77.54(249A):

**441—77.54(249A) Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) providers.** Any provider not enrolled as an Iowa Medicaid provider for the general Medicaid population may enroll to be a HIPP provider. A HIPP provider may bill the department for the HIPP-eligible member’s out-of-pocket cost-sharing

obligations. Reimbursement is limited to in-network coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles of the HIPP-eligible member's health insurance paid for through the HIPP program.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** rule 441—78.58(249A):

**441—78.58(249A) Qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) provider services.**

**78.58(1) Payment.** Payment will be made to QMB providers for a QMB-eligible member's coinsurance, copayment, and deductible for Medicare-covered services. The eligible member may be responsible for copayments pursuant to 441—subrule 79.1(13).

**78.58(2) Definitions.**

“*Coinsurance*” means a percentage of costs of a covered health care service that has to be paid.

“*Copayment*” means a fixed amount a member pays for a covered health care service.

“*Deductible*” means the amount paid for covered health care services before the insurance plan will effect payment.

“*Medicare cost sharing*” means the Medicare member's responsibility for a Medicare-covered service. “Medicare cost sharing” includes coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

“*Qualified Medicare beneficiary*” or “*QMB*” means an individual who has been determined eligible for the QMB program pursuant to 441—subrule 75.1(29). Under the QMB program, Medicaid pays the individual's Medicare Part A and B premiums; coinsurance; copayment; and deductible (except for Part D).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** rule 441—78.59(249A):

**441—78.59(249A) Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) provider services.**

**78.59(1) Reimbursement.** A HIPP provider may bill the department for the HIPP-eligible member's out-of-pocket cost-sharing obligations. Reimbursement of claims is limited to in-network coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles of the HIPP-eligible member's health insurance, paid for through the HIPP program. The HIPP-eligible member may be responsible for a copayment pursuant to 441—subrule 79.1(13).

**78.59(2) Definitions.**

“*Coinsurance*” means a percentage of costs of a covered health care service that has to be paid.

“*Copayment*” means a fixed amount a member pays for a covered health care service.

“*Cost sharing*” means the member's health insurance in-network responsibility for a covered service. “Cost sharing” includes coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

“*Deductible*” means the amount paid for covered health care services before the insurance plan will effect payment.

“*Eligible member*” means an individual eligible for Medicaid pursuant to rule 441—75.1(249A) et seq. and who qualifies for and is participating in the department's HIPP program prescribed under rule 441—75.21(249A).

“*Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) program*” or “*HIPP program*” has the same meaning as provided in rule 441—75.21(249A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

ITEM 5. Adopt the following **new** definitions of “Coinsurance,” “Copayment,” “Deductible,” “Medicare cost sharing” and “Qualified Medicare beneficiary” in paragraph **79.1(22)“a”**:

“*Coinsurance*” means a percentage of costs of a covered health care service that has to be paid.

“*Copayment*” means a fixed amount a member pays for a covered health care service.

“*Deductible*” means the amount paid for covered health care services before the insurance plan will effect payment.

“*Medicare cost sharing*” means the Medicare member's responsibility to pay for a Medicare-covered service. “Medicare cost sharing” includes coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

“*Qualified Medicare beneficiary*” or “*QMB*” means an individual who has been determined eligible for the QMB program pursuant to 441—subrule 75.1(29). Under the QMB program, Medicaid pays the individual’s Medicare Part A and B premiums; coinsurance; copayment; and deductible (except for Part D).

ITEM 6. Adopt the following **new** subrule 79.1(29):

**79.1(29) *Reimbursement for health insurance premium payment (HIPP) program providers.*** Reimbursement for HIPP program providers shall be provided only when such provider is enrolled with Iowa Medicaid for the sole purpose of billing HIPP-eligible in-network coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles.

*a. Definitions.* For purposes of this subrule:

“*Coinsurance*” means a percentage of costs of a covered health care service that has to be paid.

“*Copayment*” means a fixed amount a member pays for a covered health care service.

“*Deductible*” means the amount paid for covered health care services before the insurance plan starts to pay.

“*Eligible member*” means an individual eligible for Medicaid pursuant to rule 441—75.1(249A) et seq. and who qualifies for and is participating in the department’s HIPP program prescribed under rule 441—75.21(249A).

“*Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) program*” or “*HIPP program*” has the same meaning as provided in rule 441—75.21(249A).

*b. Claim submission.* To submit a claim for reimbursement, a HIPP provider shall use Form 470-5475, Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Provider Invoice.

(1) Payment shall be made to eligible providers for a HIPP-eligible member’s coinsurance, copayment, and deductible, when the HIPP-eligible member is active on the date of service.

(2) Member responsibility. The eligible member may be responsible for a copayment pursuant to subrule 79.1(13).

ITEM 7. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **79.14(1)“f”**:

*f.* Qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) providers shall enroll using Form 470-5262, Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) or Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Provider Enrollment Application.

ITEM 8. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **79.14(1)“g”**:

*g.* Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) providers shall enroll using Form 470-5262, Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) or Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Provider Enrollment Application.

ITEM 9. Adopt the following **new** subparagraph **80.2(2)“a”(10)**:

(10) Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) providers.

ITEM 10. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **80.2(2)“j”**:

*j.* Health insurance premium payment (HIPP) providers shall submit Form 470-5475, Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Provider Invoice, along with an explanation of benefits (EOB).

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