

To: FQHC and RHC Owners/Administrators
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Subject: PCP Directed Payment Guidance for FQHCs and RHCs

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, TennCare has requested and received approval from the federal government to distribute retroactive temporary payment increases to primary care providers (PCPs), including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that are registered as PCPs. These payment increases will flow through the state's contracted managed care organizations (MCOs). More information announcing this payment can be found at:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/PCPCOVID19Payments111320.pdf>.

The increased amount will be reflected as a one-time payment in the form of a reconciliation check that will be distributed by the MCOs to FQHC and RHCs. In order for FQHCs and RHCs to experience the intended benefit of the payment, providers should not report these additional funds as payments received from the MCOs on prospective payment system (PPS) quarterly settlement reports to the Comptroller's office. All other aspects of PPS settlement reporting, including visit counts and other funds received from the MCOs (including the original base claims reimbursement) should remain unchanged.