

Medicaid

Overview

Medicaid is a program whereby federal and state governments share the cost of providing approximately 58 million needy Americans with health care coverage. To qualify for the program, states must include hospital services, prevention services, skilled nursing and home health care coverage for adults, and prevention and treatment services for children.

Unlike Medicare, Medicaid has a state funding component and allows each state to write its own rules for medical coverage. Therefore, every state may define PA scope of practice and reimbursement rules.

Mississippi Medicaid Information

PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Medicaid patients in Mississippi including initial patient visits. PAs are eligible to become credentialed with Medicaid and are given a billing number. Claims for the services provided by PAs should be submitted with the PA's number. Medical services provided by PAs are paid at the 90 percent of the physician fee schedule.

All medical services covered by Mississippi state law, except first assisting at surgery are covered for PAs seeing Medicaid patients. Physician supervision of PAs follows Mississippi state law guidelines.

How can I obtain more information about Medicaid reimbursement in Mississippi?

More information about Medicaid reimbursement is available from the Mississippi Division of Medicaid at <http://www.dom.state.ms.us/> or by calling provider information at 1-800-884-3222. AAPA reimbursement office staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219 can also help answer questions about the Medicaid program.