

Kansas is paying enhanced Medicaid rates, retroactive to January 1

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The AAFP, along with representatives of AMA, AOA, ACP, and AAP, spoke with officials at CMS regarding the implementation of the Medicaid primary care payment increase, mandated by the *Affordable Care Act*. CMS reported that the federal government has approved State Plan Amendments from every state Medicaid program, except California's.

Officials reported that Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wyoming are paying at the enhanced rate for Medicaid fee for service, retroactively to January 1.

CMS also reported that:

- States that will begin paying the new rate in their fee for service programs by the end of June are: Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio and South Carolina
- States that will begin July 1: Colorado, Connecticut, Mississippi and Oregon
- State that will begin July 2013: Washington

CMS cautioned that altering payment rates in managed care programs is more complicated and will take some additional time. They did provide this update on states making increased payments to eligible primary care physicians participating in Medicaid Managed Care Programs:

- States currently making increased payments: Maryland and Massachusetts

- States that will begin soon: Florida, Colorado, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

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