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**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: WV Medicaid Providers  
FROM: Cindy E. Beane, Commissioner *CB*  
DATE: December 7, 2018  
RE: 2019 Fee Schedule Changes

The Office of Accountability and Management Reporting (OAMR), in its role of rate setting and provider reimbursement for the Bureau for Medical Services (BMS), is amending the implementation timeline for the following fee schedules to run from April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020. This change is being made to help improve quality control of all released fee schedules and reduce administrative burden of all parties by lessening the risk of having to reprocess claims due to untimely data releases. This change will be effective for all future years, pending process review. The fee schedules to be adjusted are as follows:

- Physician's Fee Schedule (RBRVS)
- Clinical Lab Fee Schedule
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Home Health Agencies
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Ambulance

The schedule for new codes will remain unchanged. New codes released by December 2018 for the upcoming calendar year will be opened with an effective date of January 1. New codes will be paid using new relative value units (RVUs) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with the prior year's conversion factor applied through March 31. Beginning April 1, all open codes will be updated to reflect new RVU and conversion factor components. Any new codes opened between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019 shall be made effective as of January 1, and any denied claims will be reprocessed once a fee for that code is established.

**Acute Care Hospitals Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS, "DRG calculator")**

The base amount and cost to charge ratio for all acute care hospitals for inpatient care will now be updated on an annual basis, October 1. The July 1 base amount update will now coincide with the October 1 update of DRG weights.

Please contact Leigh Ann Moore (OAMR) 304-356-4916 with any questions regarding these updates.