

## 2020 Annual MEI rate increases for RHC and FQHC clinics

**Background:** The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), per *Louisiana Administrative Code, Chapter 50*, increased the prospective payment system (PPS) rates for rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health clinics (FQHCs) effective July 1, 2020, by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) percentage.

### **RHC and FQHC rate increases**

Effective July 1, 2020, all RHC rates (excluding clinics that receive a rate based on the alternative payment methodology) increased by 1.9%, and FQHC rates increased by 2.2%. The new rates are viewable on the RHC and FQHC fee schedules at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

Healthy Blue will update our systems to reflect the new rates by July 31, 2020. Any claims received prior to these rate updates with dates of service July 1, 2020, or later will be recycled to pay at the correct rate, by August 18, 2020, with no action required by the provider.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.