

2022 Annual MEI Rate Increases for RHC and FQHC Clinics

Prospective Payment System rates increase effective July 1, 2022:

Louisiana Department of Health has increased the prospective payment system (PPS) rates for rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health clinics (FQHCs) on 7/1/2022, by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) percentage. The 2022 MEI percentage released by CMS on November 19, 2021, for RHCs is 2.1%. The 2022 MEI percentage released by CMS on October 22, 2021, for FQHCs is 2.1%.

Effective 7/1/2022, all RHC rates (excluding clinics that receive a rate based on the alternative payment methodology) will increase by 2.1% and FQHC rates also will increase by 2.1%. These new rates were loaded into the LDH system and are in the process of being published in the RHC and FQHC fee schedules on www.lamedicaid.com.

What is the impact of this change?

Healthy Blue will update our claims processing systems by August 1, 2022, and will recycle any claims that were not paid in accordance with these changes by August 15, 2022.

What if I need assistance?

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