# Rules of
Department of Social Services
Division 70—MO HealthNet Division
Chapter 26—Federally-Qualified Health Center Services

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PURPOSE: This rule implements the payment methodology for federally-qualified health center services pursuant to section 6404 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (P.L. 101-239).

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) Pursuant to the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989, this regulation provides the payment methodology used to reimburse federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs) the allowable costs which are reasonable for the provision of FQHC-covered services to MO HealthNet participants.

(2) General Principles.

(A) The MO HealthNet program shall reimburse FQHC providers based on the reasonable cost of FQHC-covered services related to the care of MO HealthNet participants (within program limitations) less any copayment or deductible amounts which may be due from MO HealthNet participants effective for services on and after July 1, 1990.

(B) Reasonable costs shall be determined by the MO HealthNet Division based on desk review of the applicable cost reports and shall be subject to adjustment based on field audit. Reasonable costs shall not exceed the Medicare cost principles set forth in 42 CFR Part 413.

(C) Reasonable costs shall be apportioned to the MO HealthNet program based on a ratio of covered charges for beneficiaries to total charges. Charges mean the regular rate for various services which are established uniformly for both MO HealthNet participants and other patients. MO HealthNet charges shall include MO HealthNet managed care charges for covered services.

(D) FQHCs must use the Medicare cost report forms and abide by Medicare cost principles, limitations and/or screens as though the FQHC was certified for Medicare participation as a federally funded health clinic (FFHC).

(E) FQHCs which are not certified for participation as an FFHC must provide an independent audit annually to the MO HealthNet Division which is consistent with the principles and procedures applied by Medicare in satisfying its audit responsibilities.

(3) Nonallowable Costs. Any costs which exceed those determined in accordance with the Medicare cost reimbursement principles set forth in 42 CFR Part 413 are not allowable in the determination of a provider’s total reimbursement. 42 CFR Part 413 (Revised as of October 1, 2007), incorporated by reference in this rule, is published by the U.S. Government Printing Office; for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office; Internet: bookstore.gpo.gov; telephone toll free 1-866-512-1800; Washington, DC area 202/512-1800; fax 202/512-2250; mail: Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20401-0001. The rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. In addition, the following items specifically are excluded in the determination of a provider’s total reimbursement:

(A) Grants, gifts, and income from endowments will be deducted from total operating costs, with the following exceptions:

1. Grants awarded by federal government agencies, such as the Health Resources and Services Administration and Public Health Service, directly to an FQHC;

2. Grants received from the Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) in accordance with contractual agreements between the MO HealthNet Division and MPCA;

3. Payments for uninsured primary care from the St. Louis Regional DSH Funding Authority (R DFA).

(B) The value of services provided by non-paid workers, including members of an organization having an agreement to provide those services;

(C) Bad debts, charity and courtesy allowances; and

(D) Return on equity capital.

(4) Interim Payments.

(A) FQHC services shall be reimbursed on an interim basis up to ninety-seven percent (97%) of charges for covered services billed to the MO HealthNet program. Interim billings will be processed in accordance with the claims processing procedures for the applicable programs.

(B) An FQHC in a MO HealthNet managed care region shall be eligible for supplemental reimbursement of up to ninety-seven percent (97%) of managed care charges. This reimbursement shall make up the difference between ninety-seven percent (97%) of the FQHC’s managed care charges for a reporting period, and payments made by the managed care health plans to the FQHC for covered services rendered to managed care patients during that period. The supplemental reimbursement shall occur pursuant to the schedule agreed to by the division and the FQHC, but shall occur no less frequently than every four (4) months. Supplemental reimbursement shall be requested on forms provided by the division. Supplemental reimbursement for managed care charges shall be considered interim reimbursement of the FQHC’s MO HealthNet costs.

(5) Final Settlement.

(A) An annual desk review will be completed following submission of the Medicare cost report for Freestanding Federally-Qualified Health Centers (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – CMS-222-92) and supplemental MO HealthNet schedules. The MO HealthNet Division will make an additional payment to the FQHC when the allowable reported MO HealthNet costs exceed interim payments made for the cost-reporting period. The FQHC must reimburse the division when its allowable reported MO HealthNet costs for the reporting period are less than interim payments.

(B) The annual desk review will be subject to adjustment based on the results of a field audit which may be conducted by the division or its contracted agents.
