

Public and Tribal Notice  
Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Anesthesia Conversion Factor

Submitted May 26, 2017

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 447.205 and 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, hereby gives notice of the following proposed action regarding its methods and standards for paying providers under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2017, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) proposes to change the anesthesia services conversion factor to be equal to the calendar year 2017 Medicare anesthesia conversion factor, as adjusted for the state of Iowa, and converted to a per minute amount of \$1.40. Each January 1, thereafter, the Department shall apply the applicable Medicare anesthesia conversion factor adjusted for the state, and converted to a per minute amount.

The IME is making this proposed change as required by the 87th session of the Iowa General Assembly in House File (HF) 653.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** This policy change is estimated to reduce overall Iowa Medicaid expenditures by \$7.4 million (total, state and federal funds) per year.

Copies of this notice are available at each county DHS office for public review. Additional information regarding this proposed amendment is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to Jennifer Steenblock, Federal Compliance Officer, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315. Comments may also be submitted to [jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us). Written and e-mailed comments must be received within 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

Any written comments may be reviewed by the public at the IME, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.