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Network Rate Increases for Podiatry and Chiropractor Services Effective 1/1/2026

Dear provider,

Starting January 1, 2026, the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) will be increasing its standard network rates for podiatry and chiropractor services contracted through the Medi-Cal and HealthWorx lines of business.

Last year, the Health Plan of San Mateo's (HPSM's) Commission approved specific investments to address critical access gaps and support our providers through rate increases. As part of HPSM's five-year strategic plan, the health plan remains firmly committed to improving health outcomes, access and experience, and equity for members. Even (and perhaps especially) during times of uncertainty regarding the future for Medi-Cal, HPSM recognizes how critical it is to thoughtfully invest in the long-term sustainability of the provider network.

Here is a high-level overview of rate increase changes:

- **Chiropractor:** Rates will increase to 175% of Medi-Cal effective January 1, 2026. Services rendered on and after that date will be paid at this new rate.
- **Podiatry:** Rates will increase to 175% of Medi-Cal. All Durable Medical Equipment, medical supplies (e.g., L3000), and drugs will be carved out with rates at 123% of Medi-Cal. E&M codes will be paid at 350% of base Medi-Cal rates and include the following codes:

CPT Code	Code Description
99201	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW
99202	OFFICE O/P NEW SF 15-29 MIN

99203	OFFICE O/P NEW LOW 30-44 MIN
99204	OFFICE O/P NEW MOD 45-59 MIN
99205	OFFICE O/P NEW HI 60-74 MIN
99211	OFFICE O/P EST MINIMAL PROB
99212	OFFICE O/P EST SF 10-19 MIN
99213	OFFICE O/P EST LOW 20-29 MIN
99214	OFFICE O/P EST MOD 30-39 MIN
99215	OFFICE O/P EST HI 40-54 MIN

These increases exclude physician administered drugs and DME/medical supplies in which HPSM network rates will be maintained at current network rates. This aligns with HPSM's overall reimbursement philosophy of focusing these limited, publicly-funded resources on increases to payment for clinician time. These exclusions allow HPSM to maintain financial management of costs in less-impacted areas and costs such as supplies, including injectables.

For detailed rate information please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/physician-fee-schedule/search/overview>

You can read more about the context behind these investments and HPSM's Strategic Plan, online here: <https://www.hpsm.org/about-us/mission/our-strategic-plan>

Please direct questions about these specific rate increases to HPSM's Provider Services team at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you,
The Health Plan of San Mateo