**Geisinger**
GHP Family

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## Reimbursement for covered drugs not specified on the Medicaid fee schedule

Thank you for participating in Geisinger Health Plan's Medical Assistance program (GHP Family). We value your participation in our provider network and recognize the value and quality of care you deliver to our GHP Family members.

Beginning May 1, 2017, GHP will reimburse covered drugs that may not appear on the Medicaid fee schedule in accordance with Medicaid payment policy. The Medicaid payment policy for these drugs is based on the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) and Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC), and includes the National Drug Code (NDC), which is dictated by the FDA.

Previously, a claims processing system limitation prevented GHP from reimbursing you in accordance with Medicaid payment policy for covered drugs not specified on the Medicaid outpatient fee schedule. Instead, with your agreement, you were paid 100% of the then-current Medicare fee schedule for these drugs. Significant investment in GHP's claims processing systems will resolve this limitation starting May 1, 2017. GHP will render payment in the same manner as Medicaid.

As a reminder, the National Drug Code (NDC) number, quantity and unit of measure are required on all drug claims, including institutional outpatient drug claims, for GHP Family members.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your account manager at 800-876-5357. Thank you for participating with GHP Family. We value your participation and appreciate the quality of care you provide to your GHP Family patients.

This Operations Bulletin and the information contained herein amends the GHP Family Provider Manual and the GHP Participating Provider Guide, effective May 1, 2017.