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Dear Health Plans,

The purpose of this letter is to provide Health Plans with information regarding recent approvals related to Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) hospital outpatient payments.

For dates of service April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently approved New York City (NYC) Health + Hospitals (H+H) Average Commercial Rate (ACR) Year 2 rate add-ons for MMC outpatient rates. These add-ons, which are included in the table below, are only applicable to Article 28 general clinic, ambulatory surgery and emergency department services, as outlined in the billing guidelines attachment to this letter. A separate rate file has also been posted to the Department of Health’s Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) website.

Plans should treat these adjustments in accordance with Section 22.19 and Appendix V of the Managed Care Model Contract and the terms of their provider contracts with hospitals. This includes any reprocessing or claims settlements that should occur consistent with those agreements. The Department has effectuated premium payments to health plans to align with the updated Managed Care State Direct Payment add-ons associated with this rate publication.

Please note that these rate add-ons correlate with the Year 2 ACR Directed Payment and associated volume and are subject to Final Reconciliation by the Department of Health and its agents. Only claims meeting the specified criteria are subject to these add-ons.

Table with 5 columns: NYC H+H Average Commercial Rate (ACR) – Year 2 Rate Add-ons (4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026), Hospital Name, Clinic (Article 28) Add-on Payment Per Visit, Ambulatory Surgery Add-on Payment Per Visit, Emergency Department Add-on Payment Per Visit. Rows list various hospitals like Bellevue Hospital Center, Elmhurst Hospital Center, etc.

Should you have any questions regarding the above **rate information**, please submit your inquiry to HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov and either Tami Berdi or John Neuberger from the hospital fee-for-service rate setting unit will respond. Questions regarding Managed Care **premium payments** should be directed to phr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT

(Billing Guidance for NYC Health + Hospitals (H+H) Average Commercial Rate (ACR) – Year 2 Rate Add-ons)

A) **Outpatient Clinic Visits:** Outpatient Clinic Visits are defined as any hospital affiliated (licensed pursuant to Article 28 of the New York State Public Health Law) outpatient clinic service **excluding** services provided at the following sites of service:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Chemical Dependence/Detox Clinic services (OASAS)
- Article 31 Mental Health Clinics (OMH)

Note: Includes standalone renal dialysis centers and oncology/cancer treatment service centers. Article 28/31 dually licensed clinics are eligible for the add-on if the claim definition criteria are met.

Claims Definition (Institutional Facility Claims only):

- Type of Bill: 13x, 71x, 72x, 74x, 75x, 78x, 79x, 83x, 84x
AND
- Rate code is null and claim contains at least one of the following:
 - **Revenue Codes:** 0510, 0511, 0512, 0513, 0514, 0515, 0516, 0517, 0519, 0520, 0522, 0523, 0524, 0526, 0529 **OR**
 - **Procedure codes:** 99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245, G0463, 99381-99429
- OR**
- **Rate codes:** 1400, 1432, 1489, 1501
- **Article 28/31 Dually Licensed Rate Codes:** 1048, 1110, 1122, 1140, 1516, 1519, 1576, 1588

Note: only one add-on per claim

B) **Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Visits:** Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery visits are defined as the primary claims where an ambulatory surgery procedure at a hospital affiliated site (licensed solely pursuant to Article 28 of the New York State Public Health Law) was performed.

- This does not include any pre or post operative claims that may have been billed separately.

Claims Definition (Institutional Facility Claims only):

- Type of Bill: 13x, 83x **AND**
- Claim contains at least one of the following:
 - **Revenue codes:** 0360, 0361, 0490, 0499 **OR**
 - **Rate code:** 1401

Note: only one add-on per claim

C) **Outpatient Emergency Room Visits:** Outpatient Emergency Room visits are defined as services provided in a hospital emergency room (licensed solely pursuant to Article 28 of the New York State Public Health Law) needed to evaluate or stabilize and emergency medical condition, including psychiatric stabilization and medical detoxification from drugs or alcohol.

- Emergency Room admissions resulting in an inpatient stay or outpatient ambulatory surgery should be **excluded** from this category.

Claims Definition (Institutional Facility Claims only):

- Type of Bill: 13x **AND**
- Claim contains at least one of the following:
 - **Revenue codes:** 0450, 0451, 0452, 0459, 0981 **OR**
 - **Rate code:** 1402 **OR**
 - **Procedure codes:** 99281-99285 **AND**
- Claim does not meet criteria for Inpatient Acute, Inpatient Psychiatric, Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery.

Note: only one add-on per claim