

Fee-For-Service Program Rates Reduction

Effective February 1, 2009 the FFS program reduced the FFS rates by 5 % for provider's, with some exceptions as outlined in the public notice posted on the AHCCCS Website. As communicated to executive plan staff, these rate reductions exclude plan (MCO) payments and are limited to AHCCCS FFS claims payments only, with the exception of CMDP.

As a result two new reference tables (RF132 and RF142) and a new FTP reference file (Reference 05 - REFER05.ZIP) have been added, which will include the appropriate historical and ongoing rate schedules prior to the 5% reductions. The Reference 05 file will contain those rates, which the Health Plans must utilize as the basis for their non-contracted rates, and plans (with exception of CMDP) should no longer utilize the FFS rate schedule FTP reference file segments (Reference 01 - REFER01.ZIP H2, and Reference 02 - REFER02.ZIP M3) for loading and/or considerations in their claims payments.

The first REFER05.ZIP file was made available with your Reference FTP reference file download this week. It is important that beginning with this February FTP Reference file download (unless you are CMDP) that you load and utilize only the fee schedule and modifier related information found in the REFER05.ZIP and that you no longer use the AHCCCS FFS fee schedule information found in the REFER01.ZIP (H1) and REFER02.ZIP (M3) files.

REFER01 H2 equals REFER05 M1

REFER02 M3 equals REFER05 M2