

Impact of HR 3200 Medicaid provision on Primary Care Physician Payments

FYI. The Graham Center recently released a report on the impact of the HR 3200 provision that would increase Medicaid payments to primary care physicians. The report, described briefly below, is at <http://www.graham-center.org/online/etc/medialib/graham/documents/publications/mongraphs-books/2009/dodoowp-estimated-effects.Par.0001.File.tmp/medicaid-sect1721.pdf>.

Graham Center economist and demographer Dr. Martey Doodoo recently completed a white paper, 'Estimated Effects of Sec. 1721 of draft bill HR 3200 'America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009' on physician gross revenue that is now available on the Graham Center website. This section of the House health reform bill, "requires that State Medicaid programs reimburse for primary care services furnished by physicians and other practitioners at no less than 80% of Medicare rates in 2010, 90% in 2011, and 100% in 2012 and after. The study found considerable variation in impact due to existing state variation in the gap between Medicaid and Medicare rates. In California, for example, Medicaid rates would go up 48%. If implemented, it could be a significant boon for health care access for people on Medicaid.

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