

Codes/Rates for Project ECHO Case Consultations

Effective October 1, 2019, HSD proposes to add a new reimbursement mechanism for providers participating in Project ECHO at the “spoke” end of the program model for their time spent presenting Medicaid patient cases as part of an ECHO consultation clinic. HSD proposes to add pricing for Evaluation and Management (E&M) CPT codes 99446-99449 (interprofessional telephone/internet consultation) to capture the time spent by a provider who is not in direct contact with the patient at the time of service for these consultations. The rates for these codes are proposed to be set at 90 percent of the 2019 Medicare fee schedule. Codes and proposed rates for these services are described below.

CPT 99446-99449: Telephone or internet assessment and management service provided by consultative physician – minutes of medical consultative discussion and review		Proposed Medicaid FFS Rate
CPT 99446*	5-10 minutes	\$16.54
CPT 99447*	11-20 minutes	\$32.76
CPT 99448*	21-30 minutes	\$49.30
CPT 99449*	31 minutes or more	\$65.52

*Please note that HSD is proposing to require the addition of modifier 32 to the provider’s claim for these codes to indicate that the billed service was for an ECHO consultation.