

**BCBSNM Comments for Notice of Opportunity to Comment:**

SECTION/LANGUAGE	MCO FEEDBACK ITEM/QUESTION
Attachment 4.19 B Page 7b	<p>Claims/Network-can we please confirm the effective date of 01/01/2025 for the FQHC and RHC's? Under LOD 36-1, rates were increased retro effective to 10/01/2024; which means claims/configuration will need to be done twice. Was this the intention?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Updates to PPS base rates:</p> <p>Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002, and each year thereafter, each FQHC and RHC payment amount (on a per visit basis) will be increased by the percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) for primary care services. This adjustment to the PPS rate will be effective each October 1.</p> <p>FQHC and RHC payment amount (on a per visit basis) will receive <del>a six percent increase effective July 1, 2023</del> a uniform rate increase <u>effective January 1, 2025</u>, based on a legislative appropriation.</p> </div>

STATE RESPONSE: The effective date of the SPA is 1/1/2024.

MCOs are instructed to follow instruction in LOD 36-1 with regard to reimbursement. The correct date for changes to FQHC reimbursement is 10/1/2024. It was determined in the HB2 rollout for 2024 that the FQHC and RHC increases would be retro to the same date as their annual MEI update that occurs on 10/1. This was approved so that there would not be a need for two system updates. The state has allocated general fund for the period between 10/1/24 and 12/31/24 for adjustments based on the one time increase allotted per HB2 2024. The amendment to the state plan reflects the correct dates for HB2.