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- b) Preventive,
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- e) Orthodontic.

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Orthodontic Services:

Orthodontic services are covered when medically necessary and prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid or designated entity for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries. Orthodontia-related services are limited to \$4,200 per beneficiary per lifetime. Additional dental services in excess of the \$4,200 lifetime limit may be provided with prior authorization from the Division of Medicaid's UM/QIO or a contracted CCO's UM/QIO.

Dentures:

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- b. The APC and the Medicare fees on the MS Medicaid OPPS fee schedule will be calculated based on the Medicare outpatient Addendum B published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as of January 1 of each year. The MS Medicaid OPPS fee schedule is updated and effective July 1 of each year with no retroactive adjustments.
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- d. If there is no APC relative weight, Medicare payment rate, MS Medicaid OPPS Chemotherapy fee or ASP for a drug, reimbursement is made at no more than one-hundred percent (100%) of the provider's acquisition cost.
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No reduction in payment for the Other Provider Preventable Condition that include at a minimum the Never Events will be imposed on a provider when the surgery or procedure defined as a Never Event for a particular patient existed prior to the initiation of treatment for the patient by that provider.

Reductions in provider payment may be limited to the extent that the following apply:

1. The State can reasonably isolate for non-payment the portion of the payment directly related to treatment for, and related to, the Other Provider Preventable Condition that include at a minimum the Never Events.

Non-payment of Other Provider Preventable Conditions that include at a minimum the Never Events shall not prevent access to services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The following method will be used to determine the payment adjustment for Other Provider Preventable Conditions that at a minimum include the Never Events as defined by the National Coverage Determination for dates of services beginning on or after June 1, 2012:

Once quarterly, paid claims identified in the Mississippi Medicaid Information System (MMIS) with a diagnosis code for any of the three Never Events will be reviewed to ensure the State can reasonably isolate for non-payment the portion of the payment directly related to the treatment for, and related to, the Other Provider Preventable Condition that include at a minimum the Never Events.

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A. Except as otherwise specified, outpatient hospital services for all hospitals except Indian Health

Services will be reimbursed under a prospective payment methodology as follows:

1. Medicaid Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups

Outpatient hospital services will be reimbursed on a predetermined fee-for-service basis. The parameters published annually in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (national APC weights, APC group assignments and Medicare fees) and MS Medicaid OPPS status indicators, will be used by the Division of Medicaid (DOM) in calculating these predetermined rates and will be updated July 1 of each year.

a. The Medicaid OPPS fees, including Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory OPPS fees, are calculated using 100% of the applicable APC relative weight or the payment rate for codes listed in the Medicare outpatient Addendum B effective as of January 1 of each year as published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Codes with no applicable APC relative weight or Medicare payment rate established in Addendum B are reimbursed using the applicable MS Medicaid fee effective July 1 of each year, multiplied by the units (when applicable). No retroactive adjustments will be made. The MS Medicaid OPPS fee schedule is set and updated each year as of July 1 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All fees are published on the agency's website at [medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/](http://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/).

b. The Medicaid conversion factor used by DOM is the SFY18 Jackson, MS Medicare conversion factor. This conversion factor is used for all APC groups and for all hospitals. Each APC rate equals the Medicare Addendum B specific relative weight at 100% multiplied by the Medicaid conversion factor, with the exception of observation fee which is reimbursed using a MS Medicaid fee. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, MS

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- c. Subject to documentation of medical necessity, in addition to any Medicaid covered service received during observation in an outpatient hospital setting, DOM will pay an hourly fee for each hour of observation exceeding seven (7) hours, up to a maximum of twenty-three (23) hours (i.e., the maximum payment will be sixteen (16) hours times the hourly fee).

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**MS MEDICAID OPPS STATUS INDICATORS**

Status Indicator	MS Medicaid Definition
A, B, M	Miscellaneous codes priced by a Medicaid fee
C	Inpatient only services
D	Discontinued code
E	Non-covered code
G, K	Drugs & biologicals priced by a Medicare fee
M1	Mississippi Medicaid Specific Fee
N	Service is bundled into an APC (If all codes are N on a claim, the claim pays zero)
R	Blood products priced by a Medicare fee
S	Significant procedure priced by APC that the multiple procedure discount DOES NOT apply
T	Significant procedure priced by APC that the multiple procedure discount DOES apply
MT	MS Medicaid discounted services not covered under Medicare OPPS
U	Brachytherapy
V	Medical visits in the clinic, critical care or emergency department (includes codes for direct admits)
X	Ancillary services paid by APC

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