

DHHS Budget Initiative: Realigning Payment for Medication Management

Medication Management Services, provided through Section 65 (Behavioral Health Services) of the MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM), are services that are directly related to the evaluation, prescription, administration, education, and/or monitoring of medications intended for the treatment and management of mental health disorders, substance abuse disorders, and/or co-occurring disorders. Under Medicaid, medication management services can be provided by the following professionals: Physicians, Physician’s Assistants, Psychiatrist, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse, Nurse Practitioners, and Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Additionally, primary care physicians provide these services under Section 90 (Physician Services) of the MBM, as do Registered Nurses under Section 96 (Private Duty Nursing) at a much lower rate of reimbursement, as indicated below.

Current Section 65 rates compared to similar clinicians in other policies:

Service	Service Provider Specialty	Current Section 65 Rate	Proposed Section 65 Rate*	Basis for Proposed Section 65 Rates:
Medication Mgmt - Adult	RN Level*	\$55.77	\$10.58	Section 96 Private Duty Nursing – RN Services 15 minute visit
Medication Mgmt - Children	RN Level*	\$63.75	\$10.58	Section 96 Private Duty Nursing – RN Services 15 minute visit
Medication Mgmt - Adult	Physician Level**	\$55.77	\$24.14	Section 90 Physician Services 99212 – 10 min visit
Medication Mgmt - Children	Physician Level**	\$63.75	\$24.14	Section 90 Physician Services 99212 – 10 min visit

*Proposed rates are based on Section 96 and Section 90.

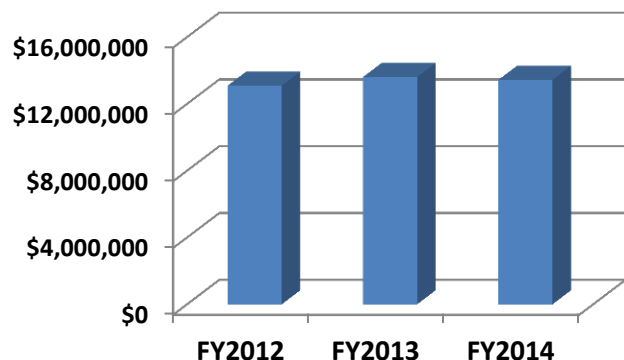
Current Analysis

In FY2014, 19,132 MaineCare members received Medication Management Services for expenditures totaling over \$13 million.

Initiative

This initiative would reduce the rate of reimbursement for Medication Management services under Section 65. It would align the reimbursement rate with rates provided for comparable services in other sections of MaineCare policy.

Medication Management Spending



Savings

Year	State	Federal	Total
SFY 16	(\$3,206,083)	(\$5,336,638)	(\$8,542,721)
SFY 17	(\$3,188,998)	(\$5,353,723)	(\$8,542,721)