

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY

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## NEW HIGHMARK COMMERCIAL STANDARD PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE & PRICING METHODOLOGY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

Effective **January 1, 2021**, Highmark will introduce a new standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology<sup>1</sup>, as well as an annual assessment process for appropriate fee updates in **all** of Highmark's service areas (Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia) for the commercial lines of business.

This change does not affect Highmark's Medicare, Medicaid, or any value-based fee schedule adjustments.

The implementation of the new commercial standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology is part of a larger effort to align with industry-standard values. While you will see changes in some service lines, the overall effect of this initiative is an investment in our standard commercial professional fee schedule. This change, as well as the annual assessment process, continue to be non-negotiable for contracted providers.

### WHAT IS CHANGING

This new commercial standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology:

- Consolidates the current multiple fee schedules into a single standard professional fee schedule for all service regions.
- Includes increased fees for services, such as primary care<sup>1</sup> and behavioral health.
- Allows Highmark to conduct annual fee schedule assessments to easily and effectively evaluate reimbursement for specific professional service lines.
- Implements industry standard place-of-service reimbursement differentials between non-facility and facility places of service.
- More closely aligns payment to better support Highmark's Value-Based Reimbursement strategies through uniform standard fees.

### DOWNLOAD AND REVIEW THE FEE SCHEDULE

**Beginning October 30, 2020**, you may view the new fee schedule within NaviNet®. Choose the **Fee Schedule Information** navigation tab on the Provider Resource Center accessible from NaviNet (as you would access the current fee schedule).

**FOR QUESTIONS:** Contact your Provider Account Liaison or call **866-975-5054**.

<sup>1</sup> Any changes to the commercial standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology will comply with 18 Del. Code §§ 3342B and 3556A.

