

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS ONLY

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HIGHMARK COMMERCIAL STANDARD PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE & PRICING METHODOLOGY UPDATE

Effective **July 1, 2022**, Highmark will be making an annual update to our standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology¹ in our service areas in 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. It also does not affect Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York or Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

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. The change continues to be non-negotiable for contracted providers.

WHAT IS CHANGING

This update to our commercial standard professional fee schedule and pricing methodology allows Highmark to:

- Update our fee allowances based on industry research by leveraging different sources and data points, including changes the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) made to the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.
- Continue to bring closer alignment with Highmark's Value-Based Reimbursement strategies through uniform standard fees.



DOWNLOAD AND REVIEW THE FEE SCHEDULE

You can review the updated standard professional fee schedule within NaviNet[®] beginning **June 1, 2022**.

To access Fee Schedule Information, choose Resource Center from the left-hand menu in NaviNet.



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Once you are redirected to the Provider Resource Center, click on **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT**, then Fee Schedule Information. The updated standard professional fee schedules will be accessible below the current fee schedules.

FOR QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Account Liaison, or call Highmark Provider Service at **866-975-5054**.

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