

**Changes to the Refugee Reimbursement Process**



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**Refugee Screening Guidelines**

- Guidelines published of the Office of Refugee Resettlement – Health & Human Services
- **Establish standard reimbursement framework**
  - **Details specific activities and CPT codes!**
- Anticipate full implementation in January

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**The Big Change**

- Reimbursement under new guidelines will be ala carte – no more package pricing
- WebVISION changes to accommodate Refugee Program as payer source
  - Only limited services and time period
- Encounter form to assist with services and CPT codes

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### “Initial” Medical Screening

- **Initial Screening = one visit = 1 set of charges for the initial screening**
  - Work flow – may occur on two dates as long as not billing for same services
  - Reimbursement for “Office visit” not allowed for additional visits to complete “initial” screening



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### Permitted additional visits that can be reimbursed

- Follow-up and treatment for certain abnormal lab results
  - Nurse visit for treatment
- Immunizations to complete series
  - Only within first year after arrival
  - Only if not covered by Medicaid.

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### History and Physical Assessment

- Billing based on age of refugee and provider type
  - <1, 1-4, 5-11, 12-17, 18-39, 40-64, >65
- Can be done by MD, NP or PHN – district choice
  - MD – 100%
  - NP – 85%
  - PHN – 50%



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**Laboratory Testing**

- All testing through LabCorp contract with exception of Newborn Screening and T-Spot-tb, if used
  - Use WebVision “L” codes for LabCorp tests
  - Newborn Screening through DCLS
  - T-Spot through contract lab



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**Vaccines**



- Reimbursement only those required for adjustment of status – within 1 year of arrival only
- Additional “office visits” reimbursable to complete series or meet age requirements
- Not covered if alternate payer source, i.e. Medicaid
- Can receive reimbursement for vaccines to complete series for refugee who move into district – within 1 year of arrival only

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**Other charges**

- Refugee Interpreter Services – one time standard reimbursement at initial screening
- Venipuncture – per visit
- Lab handling fee – per visit



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**To come...**

- Refugee specific encounter form
  - Reimbursement based on charges in WebVISION
- Refugee screening results form – new
  - Required outcome data for submission to ONS
  - No form, no payment policies remain in effect
- Final reimbursement process & requirements
  - Fairfax submit HCFA or statement for reimbursement



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