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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services (continued)

- (5) Private duty nursing services, including, but not limited to, registered nurse (RN) services, and licensed vocational nurse/licensed practical nurse (LVN/LPN) services require prior authorization and are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- a) Eligible providers include: independently enrolled RNs, independently enrolled LVNs/LPNs, RNs employed by or contracted with home health agencies, and LVNs/LPNs employed by or contracted with home health agencies.
 - b) The fees are access-based fees and are reviewed every two years. The fees are based on historical charges, a review of Medicaid fees paid by other states, a survey of costs for a representative sample of providers, an analysis of cost reports provided by home health agencies of similar nursing services, modeling using an analysis of other data available to HHSC, or a combination thereof. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - c) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - d) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT private duty nursing services effective April 1, 2018. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on April 5, 2018.

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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued

(10) Physician services

- (a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include:
- (1) Vaccines not covered by the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVCP) for clients under age 21 which are reimbursed as accessed-based fees in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - (2) Services delivered by school districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
- (b) For dates of service on or after December 1, 2017, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 85 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (c) For dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 70 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (d) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (e) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective April 1, 2018. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on April 5, 2018.

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