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## Pennsylvania Medicaid

### Overview

Medicaid is a program whereby federal and state governments share the cost of providing approximately 58 million needy Americans with health care coverage. To qualify for the program, states must include hospital services, prevention services, skilled nursing and home health care coverage for adults, and prevention and treatment services for children.

Unlike Medicare, Medicaid has a state funding component, and allows each state to write its own rules for medical coverage. Therefore, every state may define PA scope of practice and reimbursement rules.

### State Specific Information

#### Enrollment/Credentialing

PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Medicaid patients in Pennsylvania. Although PAs are not credentialed by Pennsylvania Medicaid, practices may submit claims for services provided by PAs using the provider number of the PA's supervising physician. Reimbursement is paid to the PA's employer at 100 percent of the physician fee schedule.

#### First Assist at Surgery

PAs may provide virtually any service covered by Medicaid and allowed by Pennsylvania's state laws governing PA scope of practice, except first assisting at surgery.

#### Co-Signature

Medical records requirements for the Pennsylvania Medicaid program include physician co-signature.

“Entries shall be signed and dated by the responsible licensed provider. Care rendered by ancillary personnel shall be countersigned by the responsible licensed provider.”

*55 Pa.Code § 1101.51.(e)(1)(iii) Part III Medical Assistance Manual*

### How can I obtain more information about Medicaid reimbursement in Pennsylvania?

More information about Pennsylvania Medicaid reimbursement is available from the Office of Medical Assistance Programs' [website](#). The contact info is Tel: 1-800-692-7462; e-mail address [PAMEDICAID@state.pa.us](mailto:PAMEDICAID@state.pa.us).

The AAPA-compiled historical profile on the [Pennsylvania Medicaid program](#) can be found on the AAPA website. The AAPA reimbursement office staff at 703/836-2272 can also help answer questions about the Medicaid program.

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