



TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers

RE: Electronic Consultations Performed in Federally Qualified Health Centers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Services approved the state plan amendment (SPA) to reimburse Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for electronic consultations (e-consults) during the state fiscal year, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Pursuant to SPA 16-0021, the supplemental payments were for dates of service July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The Department **will not** issue any supplemental payments for e-consults performed on dates of services on or after July 1, 2017.

- FQHCs **must** list **all** other payment/funding sources (i.e. grants, private insurance, etc.) received for e-consults.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440.

Reconciliation and Payment for SFY 2017:

FQHCs should refer to PB 16-67–Guidance for E-Consultation Services Performance for FQHCs and PB 16-87-Reporting Requirements for E-Consultations Performed at FQHCs for guidance and instructions about submitting reports and eligibility for payment.

Below are a few key points from the policy transmittal and the provider bulletin:

- All quarterly reports **must** be received before July 31, 2017 for timely payments which will occur after the reconciliation of reports and claims by the Department.
- Claims and quarterly reports submitted by FQHCs will be reviewed by the Department during the 30 days following the submissions of reports and claims. The supplemental payments will be issued within the next 30 days following the review period.
- The final payments for reconciled claims and reports that were submitted on a timely basis will be issued before the close of the following quarter, September 30, 2017.