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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
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**TO:** Federally Qualified Health Centers  
 Local Health Departments  
 Clinics  
 Managed Care Organizations

**FROM:** Sandra Kick *Sandra E. Kick*  
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**RE:** Revised Medicaid Coverage of Sports Physicals, Effective August 14, 2023

**NOTE:** **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

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Effective August 14, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program will reimburse School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) for providing routine sports physicals. This transmittal contains revised guidance and supersedes PT 19-24, which was issued on August 15, 2023, and expands the use of procedure codes for new and established patient visits to use when billing for a sports physical.

The coverage expansion permits physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants in a SBHC setting to render, bill, and receive reimbursement for sports physicals for any Medicaid-enrolled students ages 6 through 18.

Sports physicals are a valuable tool to identify potentially life-threatening conditions as well as other issues that could pose a threat to a student's health. This type of physical exam focuses on cardiovascular and musculoskeletal issues that affect participation in sports and does not substitute for a comprehensive well-child exam.

COMAR 10.09.76.05 is currently being updated to reflect the coverage for sports physicals.

To receive reimbursement from Medicaid for performing sports physicals, claims must be billed as follows:

- Identify the sports physical as a self referred service using Place of Service Code 03 for schools.
- Use primary diagnosis ICD10 code Z02.5 (medical encounter for examination for participation in sports).
- FQHC-sponsored SBHCs **must only bill** HCPCS procedure code T1015 in order to receive the all-inclusive cost based rate for the sports physical.
- Non-FQHC sponsored SBHCs may bill CPT codes 99202-99205 (for new patients) or 99212-99215 (for established patients) for conducting the sports physical.

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