

Special Bulletin

For professional providers

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Reimbursement for LCSWs Will Return to Previous Rate

Licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs)* may have noticed an increased reimbursement percentage identified in a June 1, 2024, update to Highmark [Reimbursement Policy \(RP\)-068 Mid-Level Practitioners and Advanced Practice Providers](#) (APPs). **Effective August 16, 2024**, that percentage will return to its previous rate.

LCSWs will return to the 75% reimbursement that had been in place prior to the June 1 update to RP-068. The goal of this change is to remain in alignment with [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidance](#), which maintains LCSW reimbursement equivalent to other mid-level practitioners of the same educational qualifications. We will not be retracting any claims paid at the increased percentage.

To locate RP-068 on the Provider Resource Center (PRC), select **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT** from the left menu and then click **Reimbursement Policy**.

NOTE: Highmark fee schedules are routinely reviewed for appropriateness and can change during our annual re-basing or off-cycle, if warranted.

Credentialing and Enumeration Requirements

For information on credentialing and enumeration requirements for LCSWs and other APPs, see the *Highmark Provider Manual's Chapter 3, Unit 2: Professional Provider Credentialing*. To access the manual on the PRC, hover over **MANUALS** in the top website menu and click **HIGHMARK PROVIDER MANUAL**.

**This communication applies to LCSWs in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia only. The reimbursement increase was not applied to LCSWs in New York.*

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