

Article 31 Vital Access Provider Awards Q's and A's

Q. How will I receive my VAP Payments?

A. VAP payments are made in a lump sum on the regular Medicaid cycle claims checks. The RSN code on the Medicaid remittance will use "VAP" for these payments.

Q. When will I receive my VAP Payments?

A. You will automatically receive your state share of VAP payments approximately 60 days after the receipt and review of your quarterly TMRAA report. The amount you will receive is based on State Plan Amendment (SPA) and the status of this request with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The federal share cannot be released without CMS approval of the SPA.

Q. How is the state and federal share funding split?

A. It is a 50% State share, 50% Federal share.

Q. What will my first payment be?

A. The first payment you receive will be for the projected expenditures shown on your TMRAA for all of the quarters through 03/31/2016. It will be half of the amount shown, the 50% state share.

Q. Will actual expenditures be reconciled to the projected expenditures?

A. Yes, the reported actual expenditures will be reconciled to the projected expenditure payments that have been made at the end of each calendar year.

Q. How would any overpayments be recovered?

A. Any overpayment would be deducted from the next quarterly payment.

Q. When can I expect to start receiving the federal share of my VAP payments?

A. At this time, the SPAs have been submitted and are pending with CMS. These payments are contingent on CMS approval of the VAP applications. When OMH is informed that this approval has been made we will post on this website and have the payments forwarded as expeditiously as possible.

Q. Will the federal payments also come through as a Medicaid payment?

A. Yes, this will also be a lump sum payment based on each projected quarter expenditure as shown in your SPA.

Q. Can I move budgeted expenses between activities within an initiative?

A. Yes, you may move expenses between lines within an initiative as long as you do not exceed the total for the initiative. Send an e-mail to omh.sm.co.MHCLINICVAP requesting the movement of the funds. OMH will review and reply either approving or disapproving the request. It is important to keep records of all this correspondence relating to the VAP plan.

Q. Can I move funds between initiatives or add or delete an initiative?

A. Yes, once again this may not exceed the total amount of the provider's VAP award. In cases of substantive change such as adding or deleting an initiative an amended TMRAA may be required to be filed with DOH. In cases where the amount of funds to be expended changes from year to year, an amendment to the State Plan may be required. Again, the VAP provider is responsible to maintain all files to document approved changes to the plan,

Q. How do I submit my quarterly reports?

A. Quarterly reports will be submitted 30 days after the close of the quarter, e.g. the quarter ending 03/31/2016 would need a report submitted on 04/30/2016. The report would be submitted to OMH at omh.sm.co.MHCLINICVAP.

Q. What is included in a quarterly report?

A. There are 4 forms required for the quarterly report.

1. In the B tab of the TMRAA, Budget, for the appropriate year and quarter complete the corresponding actual expenses column by filling in your actual expenses for that quarter.

2. In the C tab of the TMRAA, Timeline, for the appropriate year and quarter complete the corresponding actual expenses for each activity under each initiative.

3. In the E tab of the TMRAA, Metrics, for the appropriate year and quarter enter the actual status of each measure in the result column.

4. In tab D of the TMRAA, Narrative, for the appropriate year and quarter this is an overview of the status of your project. Explanations of any variations from your projected spending, activities, or metrics should be included in the narrative. This section is also where any corrective plans to bring your initiatives up to projections should be included.