



Payment Integrity Administrative Policy: Medicaid State Directed Payments and Benchmark Rate Adjustments

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4/2026	EmblemHealth's RPC (Reimbursement Policy Committee)

Policy Statement: EmblemHealth updates its systems based upon fee schedules approved by New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). These updated fee schedules are used to calculate payments to our contracted practitioners and facilities based on the applicable reimbursement schedule.

This policy is applicable to New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) adjustments to **facility-specific Safety Net/UPL add-ons and nursing home benchmark rates** only.

EmblemHealth's policy is to load, test, and make the newest Medicaid fee schedule rates available to pay claims, as well as automatically making necessary retroactive adjustments to previously paid claims, within **90-days** of receipt. Claims received after the load date are paid using the updated fee schedule.

Please follow the link below to view our [Annual Fee Schedule Updates – CMS and Medicaid Payment Integrity Policy](#) for Medicaid fee schedule updates other than the facility-specific Safety Net/UPL add-ons or nursing home benchmark rates.

[EmblemHealth Payment Integrity Policies](#)

Revision history

DATE	REVISION
4/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy title updated for clarity; formerly entitled <u>Medicaid Benchmark Rate Adjustments</u>Updated with clarifying content; This policy is applicable to New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) adjustments to <u>facility-specific Safety Net/UPL add-ons and nursing home benchmark rates</u> only.
10/14/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New policy specific to Medicaid facility-specific benchmark rate adjustments only