



## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2420-MC-FFS-D

**DATE:** January 23, 2023

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

**RE:** Anesthesia Conversion Factor Update

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**\*\*\*This informational letter (IL) replaces IL 2410-MC-FFS.\*\*\***

On January 5, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated the Medicare physician fee schedule files previously released in November 2022, for calendar year 2023.

Pursuant to the authority of [2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2578, Section 31](#)<sup>1</sup>, the Iowa Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor adjusts annually to align with the current Iowa Medicare 15-minute anesthesia base rate.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2023, the Iowa Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor will be \$1.34 per minute, using standard rounding rules to the nearest cent (\$20.08 / 15 minutes).

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit at 1-866-863-8610 or [costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/89/HF2578.pdf>