

**POLICY TITLE:** PCMH Reimbursement : After-Hours Codes

**POLICY NUMBER:** 10/0050/R0

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**POLICY STATEMENT:** As part of the Patient-Centered Medical Home initiative, after-hours codes have been removed from capitation and added to the primary care provider fee-for-service schedule.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** April 1, 2009

**REVIEW/REVISION**

**HISTORY:**

**STATUS:** New policy

**APPROVAL BODY:** PCMH Steering Committee

**APPROVAL DATE:** 1/7/09

**AUTHOR(S):** Sr. Administrator, Patient-Centered Medical Home

**BACKGROUND:**

**DEFINITIONS:** Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH ) is an approach to providing comprehensive primary care for children, youth and adults. The PCMH is a health care setting that is comprehensive, compassionate, culturally sensitive and facilitates partnerships between individual patients and their personal physicians, and when appropriate, the patient’s family.

**POLICY DESCRIPTION:**

Primary care physicians, contracted under our fully funded lines of business only, will be reimbursed for after-hours codes. Priority Health recognizes “after hours” as being any appointment after 5:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. Monday – Friday and any time Saturday and Sunday.

**CPT codes:** The after-hours code applicable to this policy is 99051.

**Payment:** The PCMH initiative is to pay primary care providers on West and North fee schedules or East Region providers who are on standard Priority Health contracts (unless part of a contractual agreement).

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

**Reference Documentation:**

**Policies and Procedures:**

**MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION:** Cost Recovery will audit the code usage and will report variances to the PCMH steering committee.

**OPERATIONAL AREAS IMPACTED:** Provider Network Services, Finance, Contracting, Provider Configuration, Product Development, Customer Service, Cost and Recovery and Sales

**SPECIAL NOTES (I.E., PRODUCTS AFFECTED):** Self-Funded, Shared Funding, Medicare and Medicaid excluded.

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