

6.0 Participating Providers Responsibilities

6.1 Primary Care Physician Responsibilities

Physicians who have entered into Primary Care Physician Agreements with Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group (MAPMG) to serve as Primary Care Physicians (“PCPs”) have responsibilities to the member as well as to Kaiser Permanente. These responsibilities are detailed in the contractual agreement.

6.2 Capitated and Fee-for-Service Primary Care Services

Some PCPs have entered into a capitation arrangement for payment of services with KPMAS. The capitation amount paid is intended to cover most routine office services. If you have such an arrangement with KPMAS, your contract details your services to Kaiser Permanente members covered by the capitation. **Before a Kaiser Permanente member is seen in your office, please request Kaiser Permanente ID Card and photo identification to ensure member identification.**

Most PCPs have entered into a fee-for-service arrangement for payment of services with KPMAS. All physicians who have contracted with MAPMG have the same responsibilities regardless of the reimbursement structure involved:

- Responsible for providing, evaluating, triaging, and arranging for a patient’s care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - this responsibility includes the evaluation of the need and consequent arrangement of appropriate specialty referral or consultation
- Office visits during regular visit hours for the evaluation/management of common medical conditions - patient education functions may be delegated to appropriately trained staff under the Kaiser Permanente Participating PCP’s supervision
- Management of patient care in hospital, skilled nursing facility, home, hospice, or acute rehabilitation unit
- Preventive care services, including well child, adolescent and adult preventive medicine, nutrition, health counseling and immunization
- Well-woman exams including breast exams and routine gynecological care with Pap and pelvic exams when the PCP is chosen by the female member to render such services
- On-call coverage, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Therapeutic injections (includes cost of medication)
- Allergy injections (includes administration, excludes cost of serum)
- Standard testing and/or rhythm strip EKGs in adults
- Basic pulmonary function tests, including timed vital capacity and maximum capacity in adults, and peak flow studies in children
- Local treatment of first degree and uncomplicated second-degree burns
- Minor surgical procedures (e.g. simple skin repair, incision and drainage, removal of foreign body, benign skin lesion removal or destruction, aspiration)
- Simple splinting and treatment of fractures
- Removal of foreign body or cerumen from external ear
- Rectal exams and use of anoscopy and sigmoidoscopy
- Standard screening vision and hearing exams
- PPD skin tests
- Lab work performed in the PCP’s network office that does not require CLIA certification (e.g. urinalysis by dipstick, blood sugar by fingerstick, hemoglobin and/or hematocrit, stool occults blood, etc.)

For additional information concerning capitation or fee-for-services arrangements, call the Provider Experience Department at 877-806-7470.