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Administrative reimbursement and the in-office assessment program

When you accurately complete and submit your Optum® in-office assessments, Optum may pay an administrative fee for the administrative time necessary to complete the assessments.

*All assessment reimbursement is issued via direct deposit.*

To ensure accurate and timely reimbursement, the following is required: Submit a copy of your W-9 to Optum. Return a completed *Account Setup Form* (provided by Optum).

The “Pay to” TIN on the *Account Setup Form* must match the TIN on your W-9. Your completed *Account Setup Form* and your W-9 must be submitted prior to submission of a completed assessment to ensure that your reimbursement account setup has been completed by Optum.

*Account Setup Forms* (ASFs) and W-9s are required to qualify for assessment reimbursement and must be submitted to Optum by the assessment **Reject Resubmission deadline,** which is the last Friday in March. Failure to timely submit your ASF and W-9 acts as a waiver of any and all claims for the program year reimbursement.

For additional information about reimbursement, please ask your Optum representative for a copy of our *Assessment reimbursement guidelines* brochure or our *In-office assessment reimbursements and direct deposit* sheet.

Returning your Account Setup Form and W-9

- To ensure accuracy and completeness, and prevent delays in processing, please submit your *Account Setup Form* and W9 to your Optum representative or Provider Support representative. You may also return the completed *Account Setup Form* and W9 via the Optum Uploader at optumupload.com.
Direct deposit enrollment

Enrollment in direct deposit is required for all providers and groups that participate in the Optum in-office assessment program. Enrollment in direct deposit must be completed through Optum Pay (formerly Electronic Payments and Statements [EPS]).

Getting setup for the in-office assessment program and enrolling for direct deposit are two unique and separate processes. To start the in-office assessment program and enroll in direct deposit, you must do both of the following:

1. Complete and submit the Account Setup Form and the W-9 (as outlined to the left).
2. Complete the direct deposit enrollment as outlined below.

To enroll in direct deposit, please visit: optum.com/in-office-assessment

You may also contact Optum Pay’s Provider Support Center at 1-800-840-9963. The Optum Pay Provider Support Center is available for assistance from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.

Please note: The TIN and W-9 provided to Optum Pay for direct deposit enrollment must match the “Pay To” TIN that is on the Account Setup Form and W-9 submitted to Optum.

Frequently asked questions about direct deposit

Question: Will the assessment reimbursements appear separately in the provider’s bank account?

Answer: Yes, the assessment reimbursements will appear as Optum in-office assessment program in the provider’s bank account.

Example: If Optum processes 100 assessments for a group at a reimbursement rate of $75 per assessment, the group will see a deposit in their bank account from the Optum in-office assessment program in the amount of $7,500. If a claims reimbursement was also processed on the same day, the claims payment will appear separately in the bank account; that is, there will be two separate deposits and separate Electronic Payment Remittance Advice (EPRA) for the assessment reimbursement(s) and the claims reimbursement(s).
Question: Will the assessment reimbursements appear on a separate remittance?
Answer: Yes, the assessment reimbursements will appear on a separate remittance. Optum in-office assessment program will be listed as the Payer. The provider will have the ability to search for, and isolate, assessment reimbursements separate from other direct deposit reimbursements being managed by Optum Pay.

Using the example from the previous question, that provider will also have an EPRA that clearly itemizes each of the 100 assessments for which reimbursement was issued. The assessment EPRA will include the member names, member IDs, health plan names, provider names, group names and other information to assist providers in reconciling their assessment program reimbursements.

Question: Can assessment reimbursements be received in a different bank account than the one used for claims reimbursements?
Answer: Yes. Providers can elect to use different bank accounts for their assessment reimbursements and their claims reimbursements.

Question: Can an assessment-specific bank account be designated without providing a separate TIN?
Answer: Optum Pay does have the capability to setup separate bank accounts for a TIN at the payer level. As such, a provider could have a separate bank account for assessment program reimbursement that differs from other payers.

For more information about designating a separate bank account for assessment reimbursement, please contact the Optum Pay Provider Support Center at 1-800-840-9963.

Question: Who should providers contact with questions about direct deposit?
Answer: All questions about direct deposit (before, during or after enrollment) should be directed to the Optum Pay Provider Support Center at 1-800-840-9963. All questions pertaining specifically to the Optum in-office assessment program should continue to be directed to your Optum representative or the Optum Provider Support Center at 1-877-751-9207.