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**Attention:
Physicians**

3% Rate Reduction Update for Physicians ONLY

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Note: This Special Bulletin is an update to a January 2014 Medicaid Bulletin article titled *3 Percent Rate Reduction*, which can be found at www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/bulletin/0114bulletin.htm#shared.

As required by the [N.C. Session Law 2013-360](#), the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) submitted N.C. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-012 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting approval to implement a three percent rate reduction for physician services **effective January 1, 2014**. CMS approved SPA 14-012 on June 27, 2014.

Primary care providers who have attested for the enhanced reimbursement under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are excluded from this three percent rate reduction until January 1, 2015.

Due to the changes required to separate the primary care ACA physicians from the non-ACA physicians, the reimbursement rates to the non-ACA physicians have not been implemented in the NCTracks claims processing system.

Beginning October 26, 2014, NCTracks will process all claims for non-ACA physician's at the new reimbursement rate, which is equal to 97 percent of the previous reimbursement rates.

Claims with dates of service January 1, 2014 through October 26, 2014 will be reprocessed. N.C. Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) will provide updates and additional details in upcoming Medicaid bulletins, stakeholder meetings and Webinars.

Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date.

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