




NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Ludlam, Assistant Secretary for Medicaid ^{DS}

FROM: Cecilia Williams, SPA Coordinator

RE: State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2023-0003

Purpose

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan Amendment, summarized below, and submitted on February 16, 2023, with a due date of February 23, 2023.

Clearance

This amendment has been reviewed for both accuracy and completeness by:

Cecilia Williams, Betty J. Staton, Emma Sandoe, Melanie Bush, Lotta Crabtree and Adam Levinson

Background and Summary of Request

It is recommended that you sign this State Plan Amendment submission per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) protocol as head of the Single State Agency administering the Medicaid program.

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The affected pages are Attachment 4.19-B, Section 7, Pages 1 and 3. This State Plan change is to increase the Home Health Services Medicaid rates by ten percent (10%) above the rate in effect. Additionally, this increase is mandated by Section 12006 1903(1) of the 21st Century CURES Act.

The proposed effective date is February 01, 2023.

Your approval of this State Plan Amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Cecilia Williams at (919) 270-2530.

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7. HOME HEALTH SERVICES

The rates for home health services were set as of July 1, 2012. Effective February 1, 2023 home health reimbursement shall be increased by ten percent (10%) above the rate in effect per visit and will be effective for services provided by Medicare certified home health agencies participating in the North Carolina Medicaid Program on or after that date. All rates are published on the website at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedules>.

Effective April 1, 2023, providers subject to Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) as required by Section 12006 1903(l) of the 21st Century CURES Act, must be registered with the State's EVV solution or procure an alternative compliant EVV solution to receive reimbursement, as per Home Health Clinical Coverage Policy No: 3A.

A. REIMBURSEMENT METHODS FOR CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

- (a) A maximum rate per visit is established annually for each of the following services:
- (1) Registered or Licensed Practical Nursing Visit;
 - (2) Physical Therapy Visit;
 - (3) Speech Therapy Visit;
 - (4) Occupational Therapy visit;
 - (5) Home Health Aide Visit.
- (b) The maximum rate for new services identified in Section (a) above are computed and applied as follows:

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APPEALS

Providers may appeal maximum rates by presenting written requests and supporting data. Rates will not be adjusted retroactively. Appeals will be processed in accordance with Division procedures for Provider Reimbursement Reviews.

PAYMENT ASSURANCES

(a) The State will pay the amounts determined under this plan for each covered service furnished in accordance with the requirements of the State Medicaid Plan, provider participation agreement, and Medicaid policies and procedures. The payments made under this methodology will not exceed the upper limits as established by 42 C.F.R. 447.325.