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HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Health Benefits

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James Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations  
Department of Health & Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 East 12th Street Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

**SUBJECT:** State Plan Amendment  
Title XIX, Social Security Act  
Transmittal #2023-0006

Dear Mr. Scott:

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 13, Page 15 and Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.9. This State Plan change will allow Medicaid to reimburse for Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services provided to individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder. OTP services are being revised to allow for a bundled payment consistent with Medicare rates that utilizes an integrated service model that includes medication, medication administration, counseling, laboratory tests and case management services.

The proposed effective date is April 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.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Jay Ludlam*  
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Jay Ludlam  
Assistant Secretary for Medicaid

Enclosures

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

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15) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) (H0020)

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Opioid Treatment. The agency's fee schedule rate of \$221.88 per week was set as of April 1, 2023 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule is published on the agency's website at [https://ncdhhs.servicenow.com/fee\\_schedules](https://ncdhhs.servicenow.com/fee_schedules).

This service will be provided by direct enrolled Medicaid providers who may be either private or governmental. This service is not cost settled for any provider. This service is provided in accordance with Attachment 3.1-A.1 Page 15a.9, Paragraph 13.D., subparagraph (x).

NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service.

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State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act  
Medical Assistance Program  
State: NORTH CAROLINA

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13. d. Diagnostic, Screening, Treatment, Preventive and Rehabilitative Services (continued)  
Description of Services

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

Opioid Treatment Program is an organized treatment service for beneficiaries with an opioid use disorder which utilizes methadone, buprenorphine formulations, or other drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorders. It is delivered by an interdisciplinary team of professionals trained in the treatment of opioid use disorders who provide person-centered and recovery-oriented individualized treatment, case management, and health education. An opioid treatment program is operated under a defined set of policies and procedures, including admission, discharge, and continued service criteria stipulated by federal regulations (42 CFR 8.12) and state regulations.

Services and therapies offered include: individualized assessment and treatment, person-centered and recovery focused treatment planning; individual, group, and family therapy, and counseling; medical monitoring, medication administration and preparation and distribution of take-home medications; presumptive drug screens and definitive drug tests; laboratory and diagnostic tests (pregnancy testing, tuberculosis testing); psychoeducation, and coordination of on and off-site treatment, recovery support, and medical services.

Staffing includes licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed clinical addiction specialists, associate level licensed addiction professionals, and certified substance abuse counselors.

Initial prior approval is not required. Concurrent reviews may occur to determine ongoing medical necessity for this service. A signed service order must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, per his or her scope of practice prior to or on the first day service is rendered.

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