




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

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JAY LUDLAM • Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid

SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Ludlam ^{DS}
FROM: Betty J. Staton, SPA Manager
RE: State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2023-0026

Purpose

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan amendment summarized below, and submitted on September 15, 2023, with a due date of September 18, 2023.

Clearance

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

Betty J. Staton, Emma Sandoe, Melanie Bush, Lotta Crabtree, 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 a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to revise the Skilled Nursing Facility reimbursement section in Attachment 4.19-D of the Medicaid State Plan. This amendment will modify the rate structure of Skilled Nursing Facility reimbursement to include a uniform add-on amount of \$37.74 to be applied to SNF rates effective July 1, 2023.
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The proposed effective date is July 01, 2023.

Your approval of this State Plan Amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (919) 538-3215.

Medical Assistance
State North Carolina

Payment for Services – Prospective Reimbursement Plan for Nursing Care Facilities

(i) Religious Dietary Considerations.

- (1) A standard amount may be added to a nursing facility's rate for special dietary needs for religious reasons.
- (2) Facilities must apply to receive this special payment consideration. In applying, facilities must document the reasons for special dietary consideration for religious reasons and must submit documentation for the increased dietary costs for religious reasons. Facilities must apply for this special benefit each time rates are determined from a new database. Fifty or more percent of the patients in total licensed beds must require religious dietary consideration in order for the facility to qualify for this special dietary rate add-on.
- (3) The special dietary add-on rate may not exceed more than 140% of the base year neutralized case-mix adjusted Medicaid-day-weighted median cost determined under Section .0102(b)(2) and adjusted for inflation each year until a new database is used to determine rates.

(j) Reimbursement Modifications.

- (1) Effective July 1, 2023, the final Skilled Nursing Facility rate calculated per the reimbursement methodology defined in pages 1-5 of Attachment 4.19-D will be modified to include a uniform add-on per diem amount of \$37.74.

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Approval Date:

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