




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

ROY COOPER • Governor
KODY H. KINSLEY • Secretary
JAY LUDLAM • Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid

SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Ludlam 

FROM: Betty J. Staton, SPA Manager

RE: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2023-0027

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 increase Medicaid Private Duty Nursing (PDN) rates to thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per 15-minute increment.

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

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

8. Private Duty Nursing Services (PDN)

- A. Private duty nursing services are reimbursed at the lower of billed customary charges or an established hourly rate. Effective October 1, 2002, this rate is adjusted annually by the percentage change in the rate for a skilled nursing visit by a home health agency. Effective November 1, 2010, the RN rate is paid at Fee Schedule and will be billed with a code and modifier as defined in Clinical Policy, Attachment 3.1-A-1.

Effective January 1, 2022, the PDN fee schedule rate will increase to \$11.25 per 15-minute increment.

Effective July 1, 2023, the PDN fee schedule rate will increase to \$13.00 per 15-minute increment.

PDN rates are published on the Division of Health Benefits website, https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

- B. Effective October 1, 1993, payment for Private Duty Nursing Medical Supplies, except those related to provision and use of DME shall be reimbursed at the lower of a provider's billed customary charges or the maximum fee established for certified home health agencies. If a new item is not covered by the DME program and Medicare allowable is available, the rate will be set at the Medicare allowable amount available to the Division of Medical Assistance. Fees will be established based on average, reasonable charges if a Medicare allowable amount cannot be obtained for a particular supply item. The Medicare allowable amounts will be those amounts based on the Market Basket Index available to the Division of Medical Assistance as of July 1 of each year.

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Approval Date:

Eff. Date: 07/01/2023