




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 #2024-0004

Purpose

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (Crisis Services) summarized below, and submitted on March 11, 2024, with a due date of March 14, 2024.

Clearance

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

Betty J. Staton, 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) that amends the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Assertive Community Treatment services:

Inflationary Increase

- Mobile Crisis Management (H2011)
- Facility-Based Crisis - Adults (S9484)
- Facility-Based Crisis - Adolescent (S9484 HA)

Increase to 100% of Medicare

- Psychotherapy for Crisis (90839-90840)

The proposed effective date is January 1, 2024.

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

17) Mobile Crisis Management (H2011)

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Mobile Crisis Management. The agency's fee schedule rate of \$90.00 per 15 minutes was set as of August 11, 2021 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.

Effective January 1, 2024, the agency's published Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule rates are effective for services provided on or after that date. The Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule is published on the Division of Health Benefits website at https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.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 7c.5a, Paragraph 4.b.(8), subparagraph (f) and Attachment 3.1-A.1 Page 15a.5, Paragraph 13.D., subparagraph (vi).

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider, the rate of reimbursement shall be the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) established on an annual basis as published in the Federal Register.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider and is not covered under the criteria to receive the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), the provider is subject to the NC Medicaid Fee Schedule or other agreed upon rate(s) by the payor.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

4) Professional Treatment Services in Facility Based Crisis Programs (Adult – S9484)

Payment for Professional Treatment Services in Facility Based Crisis Programs is based on a per 1 hour increment. This service is provided in accordance with Attachment 3.1-A.1 Page 15a.8, Paragraph 13.D., sub paragraph (ix).

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Professional Treatment Services in Facility Based Crisis Programs. The agency's fee schedule rate of \$15.93 per hour was set as of January 1, 2021 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.

Effective January 1, 2024, the agency's published Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule rates are effective for services provided on or after that date. The Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule is published on the Division of Health Benefits website at https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.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.

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider, the rate of reimbursement shall be the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) established on an annual basis as published in the Federal Register.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider and is not covered under the criteria to receive the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), the provider is subject to the NC Medicaid Fee Schedule or other agreed upon rate(s) by the payor.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

5) Facility-Based Crisis Program – Children and Adolescents (S9484 HA)

Payment for Facility-Based Crisis – Children and Adolescents is based on a per 1-hour increment. This service is provided in accordance with Attachment 3.1-A.1 Page 7c.9a, Paragraph 4.b.(8), subparagraph (k).

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Facility-Based Crisis Program – Children and Adolescents. The agency's fee schedule rate of \$15.93 per hour was set as of January 1, 2021 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.

Effective January 1, 2024, the agency's published Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule rates are effective for services provided on or after that date. The Enhanced Mental Health Services fee schedule is published on the Division of Health Benefits website at https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.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.

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing Room and board for this service.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider, the rate of reimbursement shall be the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) established on an annual basis as published in the Federal Register.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider and is not covered under the criteria to receive the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), the provider is subject to the NC Medicaid Fee Schedule or other agreed upon rate(s) by the payor.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

41) Psychotherapy for Crisis (90839-90840)

The agency's fee schedule rate was set on January 1, 2024, based on 100% of the 2023 Medicare rate, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Rates are based on the appropriate behavioral health provider type. The provider type fee schedules are published on the NC Division of Health Benefits website at 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 of Psychotherapy for Crisis.

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.

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider, the rate of reimbursement shall be the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) established on an annual basis as published in the Federal Register.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider and is not covered under the criteria to receive the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), the provider is subject to the NC Medicaid Fee Schedule or other agreed upon rate(s) by the payor.

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