April 2019 NC Medicaid Bulletin Digest

SPECIAL BULLETIN: Provider Data Contractor for Medicaid Managed Care: Guidance for Providers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

To minimize the administrative burden on providers as NC Medicaid transitions to managed care, the Provider Data Contractor (PDC) will supplement the state's existing provider credentialing data to the Prepaid Health Plans (PHPs). This will support the PHP's ability to make quality determinations during Medicaid Managed Care provider network contracting activities. The PHPs will make their quality determination policy public once approved by NC Medicaid.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN: Recommended Updates to the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice Preferred Drug List (PDL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

Recommended updates to the NC Medicaid and Health Choice Preferred Drug List (PDL) as approved by the NC Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee and the NC Physician Advisory Group (PAG) were posted for the required 45-day public comment period on Apr. 2, 2019.

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Preadmission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Program Update

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

Effective Dec. 1, 2018, the North Carolina Medicaid Uniform Screening Tool (NCMUST) application and operation of the Level 1 PASRR screen process transitioned from a NC Medicaid vendor to NC DHHS ITD and NC Medicaid. The transition enables NC DHHS to achieve a more efficient screening process for PASRRs and provide NCDHHS with direct knowledge of issues and barriers that may impact the timely processing of PASRR Level 1 screens and Level 2 evaluations.

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Pegfilgrastim-cbqv injection, for subcutaneous use (Udenyca™) HCPCS code Q5111: Billing Guidelines

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

Effective with date of service Jan. 3, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover pegfilgrastim-cbqv injection, for subcutaneous use (Udenyca) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code Q5111 - Injection, pegfilgrastim-cbqv, biosimilar, (Udenyca), 0.5 mg.

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Updates to the NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
April is the last month to submit an attestation for Program Year 2018. The NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS) will close for Program Year 2018 at midnight on Apr. 30, 2019. After that no changes can be made. Eligible professionals (EP) are strongly advised to review their attestation and documentation for accuracy and completeness

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Regional Provider Training

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Personal Care Services (PCS) regional training sessions will be held May 13-22, 2019. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Training sessions are free, but registration is required.

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Fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant (Yutiq™) HCPCS code J7313 Injection, fluocinolone acetonide, intravitreal implant, 0.01 mg: Billing Guidelines

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Effective with date of service of Feb. 4, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant (Yutiq) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J7313 Injection, fluocinolone acetonide, intravitreal implant, 0.01 mg.

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New Platform for NC HealthConnex to Launch in April

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Beginning in April, participating health care providers in the state-designated health information exchange (HIE), NC HealthConnex, will be moving to a new HIE platform.

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Centralized Provider Credentialing

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
The Department recognizes that the move to managed care may impose additional administrative burdens and program complexity to the work NC providers already do. To mitigate the administrative burden on providers as NC Medicaid transitions to managed care, the Department procured a contractor to supplement the state's existing provider enrollment data. This data will be combined with provider enrollment information NC Medicaid has on file to support the Prepaid Health Plans' (PHPs') ability to help determine which providers to contract with.

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NC Medicaid-3136 and 3085 Form Submission

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Effective Mar. 4, 2019, NC Medicaid implemented functionality in QiRePort allowing providers to submit the Internal Quality Improvement Program Attestation (NC Medicaid-3136) and Session Law 2013-306 PCS Training Attestation (NC Medicaid-3085) Forms via upload.

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Omadacycline for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Nuzyra™) HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs: Billing Guidelines

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Nuzyra is available as 100 mg of omadacycline (equivalent to 131 mg omadacycline tosylate) as a lyophilized powder in a single dose vial for reconstitution and further dilution before intravenous infusion.

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Remittance Statement of Adjustment for Third Party Recovery

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
The State and GDIT are in the process of completing NCTracks system updates to provide notification on the Remittance Statement of adjustment actions taken on previously paid claims due to audits conducted by Third Party Recovery and the Office of Compliance and Program Integrity.

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Posting "Notice of Your Rights Under Hawkins v. Cohen"

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Please post an English and Spanish version of the "Notice Of Your Rights Under Hawkins v. Cohen" in a prominent location for at least 180 calendar days.

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NC Medicaid-3051 Form Submission

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
Effective May 1, 2019, beneficiaries requesting Personal Care Services must use the updated NC Medicaid-3051 Request for Independent Assessment for Personal Care Services Attestation of Medical Need Form. This form is a revision of the currently used NC Medicaid-3051 Form. The current form will be accepted by the Independent Assessment Entity through July 1, 2019.

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Billing Code Update (February 2019)

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NCTracks Provider Training Available in April 2019

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

Registration is open for the April 2019 instructor-led provider training courses listed below. Slots are limited. WebEx courses can be attended remotely from any location with a telephone, computer and internet connection. Please note that the WebEx information has changed.

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Payment Error Rate Measurement Changes

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

The Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) is an audit program developed and implemented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as required by the Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA) of 2002. It is used nationwide to review beneficiary eligibility determinations and claims payments made by North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice to ensure that states only pay for appropriate claims. A national report is distributed outlining the various error rates among states.

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Advanced Medicaid Home Update

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Nearly 2,900 North Carolina Medicaid providers have already certified as Advanced Medical Homes (AMHs). It is important that practices understand the meaning of this designation and the associated requirements on primary care providers (PCPs).
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Clinical Coverage Policy Update

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
New or amended clinical coverage policies are available on NC Medicaid's website.

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