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SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2020-0009

Dear Ms. Kimble:

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 amendment requests disaster relief for North Carolina's Medicaid Program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State Plan Amendment requests authority for seven changes to payment structure for services during the emergency declaration period. Three of these involve rate increases : 1) a 10% rate increase for certain providers facing a disproportionate impact during the pandemic, 2) a 5% general increase to all providers that have not yet received one as required by NC General Assembly, and 3) authority to provide payments to pharmacy providers for mail-prescriptions to reduce direct contact for beneficiaries and providers. Four additional changes involve changes to coverage: 1) authority to remove physician's office visit limits for the duration of the disaster, 2) authority to cover additional home infusion therapies, 3) authority to pay for treatment without transport for ambulance visits, and 4) authority to expand Breast and Cervical Cancer coverage based on preliminary information.

This amendment is effective March 1, 2020 for services rendered in SFY ending June 30, 2020 and thereafter until the end of the quarter in which the federal disaster declaration has ended. For the purposes of estimation, the impact assumes that the disaster will extend through FFY 2020.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Betty J. Staton at 919-527-7093.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy K. Cohen".

Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

Enclosures