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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 East 12th Street Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment  
Title XIX, Social Security Act  
Transmittal #2020-0016

Dear Mr. Scott:

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 federal statute/regulation citation is based on the emergency proclamation issued by the President consistent with sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, and subsequently through the powers invoked by the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Social Security Act.

NC Medicaid requests authority to amend the State Plan for four service changes during the emergency declaration period that have discernible fiscal impacts. Three of these involve rate increases or new benefits: 1) a 40% increase to dental and non-dental rates for Local Health Departments, 2) a 27% increase to core service billing rates for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) and Rural Health Centers (RHC's), and 3) a new benefit to allow non-emergency medical providers (NEMT) to claim reimbursement for the time their drivers wait at an appointment to take the same patient home. Additionally, NC Medicaid requests authority to make quarterly payments for MRI/DSH/GAP payments to hospital providers.

This amendment is effective March 1, 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 black ink that reads "Mandy K. Cohen".

Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH

Enclosures