



Medical Assistance
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

An Information Service of the Division of Medical Assistance

**North Carolina
Medicaid Pharmacy
Newsletter**

Number 264

January 2017

In This Issue...

NADAC Weekly Comparison

Program Integrity: Pharmacy Auditing and Dispensing Toolkit

72-hour Emergency Supply Available for Pharmacy Prior Authorization Drugs

Checkwrite Schedule for February 2017

Published by CSRA, fiscal agent for the North Carolina Medicaid Program

800-688-6696

NADAC Weekly Comparison

The North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) and the NCTracks Pharmacy Call Center have received calls from pharmacy providers requesting a list of weekly National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) rate changes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posts a NADAC Weekly Comparison to accompany the weekly NADAC data on the [Medicaid.gov](http://www.Medicaid.gov) website (scroll down the page to NADAC Comparison after clicking on the link). This comparison identifies the drug products with current NADAC rates that are replaced with new NADAC rates.

Program Integrity: Pharmacy Auditing and Dispensing Toolkit

CMS has published a free on-line educational [Pharmacy Auditing and Dispensing Toolkit](#) for pharmacies designed to improve Medicaid program integrity and quality. The Pharmacy Auditing and Dispensing Toolkit focuses on areas of pharmacy that are prone to triggering audits that pharmacy health care professionals should examine. This toolkit is a four-part series that covers prescribing practices, controlled substances, invoice management and billing practices. Useful tools and materials contained in this toolkit include videos, presentation handouts, booklets, job aids, a checklist and a resource guide.

72-hour Emergency Supply Available for Pharmacy Prior Authorization Drugs

Pharmacy providers are encouraged to use the 72-hour emergency supply allowed for drugs requiring prior authorization. ***Federal law requires that this emergency supply be available to Medicaid recipients for drugs requiring prior authorization*** (Social Security Act, Section 1927, 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)(5)(B)). Use of this emergency supply will ensure access to medically necessary medications.

The system will bypass the prior authorization requirement if an emergency supply is indicated. Use a "3" in the Level of Service field (418-DI) to indicate that the transaction is an emergency fill.

Note: Copayments will apply and only the drug cost will be reimbursed. There is no limit to the number of times the emergency supply can be used.

Electronic Cutoff Schedule

Feb. 3, 2017
Feb. 10, 2017
Feb. 17, 2017
Feb. 24, 2017

Checkwrite Schedule

Feb. 7, 2017
Feb. 14, 2017
Feb. 22, 2017
Feb. 28, 2017

POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the electronic cutoff date to be included in the next checkwrite.

The 2017 DMA checkwrite schedule is posted under **Quick Links** on the [NCTracks Provider Portal home page](#).

John C. Stancil, Jr., R.Ph.
Director, Pharmacy and DMEPOS Programs
Division of Medical Assistance
NC Department of Health and Human Services

Rick Paderick, R.Ph.
Pharmacy Director
NCTracks
CSRA

Sandra Terrell, MS, RN
Director of Clinical
Division of Medical Assistance
NC Department of Health and Human Services

Lori Landman
Deputy Executive Account Director
NCTracks
CSRA

Dave Richard
Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance
Division of Medical Assistance
NC Department of Health and Human Services

Paul Guthery
Executive Account Director
NCTracks
CSRA

Nancy Henley, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Division of Medical Assistance
NC Department of Health and Human Services

Desiree Elekwa-Izuakor, Pharm D, MBA, CPC-A
Outpatient Pharmacy Program Manager
Division of Medical Assistance
NC Department of Health and Human Services