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NC Medicaid Managed Care PHP Contracts Awarded

On Feb. 4, 2019, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) announced the selection of Prepaid Health Plans (PHPs) that will participate in Medicaid managed care when the program launches in November 2019. The Department awarded contracts to five entities:

- Statewide PHP contracts were awarded to the following entities which will offer Standard Plans in all regions in North Carolina:
 - AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc.
 - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
 - UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, Inc.
 - WellCare of North Carolina, Inc.
- A regional PHP contract was awarded to Carolina Complete Health, a provider-led entity, which will offer plans in Regions 3 and 5.

In 2015, the NC General Assembly directed the transition of Medicaid to a managed care structure. In managed care, NC DHHS will oversee all aspects of the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. However, PHPs will directly manage certain health services which include pharmacy, assume financial risk and contract with providers to provide services for beneficiaries.

About 1.6 million Medicaid and NC Health Choice beneficiaries will enroll in a Standard Plan, which will provide integrated physical health, behavioral health and pharmaceutical services. To ease the transition to Medicaid Managed Care, Standard Plans will launch in two phases. The first phase will launch in November 2019 for beneficiaries in the following 27 counties: Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Johnston, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, Wilkes, Wilson and Yadkin. Standard Plans will launch in the remaining 73 NC counties in February 2020.

In the coming months, the NC DHHS will work with each PHP to implement managed care consistent with the NC DHHS's expectations as outlined in the PHP RFP. Over the summer and fall, the PHPs will complete a readiness review to demonstrate their ability to meet state, federal and contractual requirements. Once implemented, the PHPs will be subject to rigorous oversight by the NC DHHS to ensure strong provider networks, a full range of benefits, accountability for quality and outcomes, a positive beneficiary experience and timely payments to providers among aspects of a successful managed care program.

A fact sheet with more information can be found at <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/medicaid/Medicaid-Factsheets-PHP-2.4.19.pdf>. For additional information about Medicaid Transformation, please visit <https://ncdhhs.gov/medicaid-transformation>.

Concordia Pharmaceuticals Reprocessing

Concordia Pharmaceuticals (Labeler 59212) has terminated their rebate agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective Jan. 1, 2019.

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) received a notice of voluntary termination from Concordia in October 2018. Unfortunately, the letter was not processed by the CMS staff until January 2019. NC Medicaid staff did not become aware of this issue until Jan. 27, 2019.

Because of this retroactive labeler termination, some pharmacies with paid claims prior to Jan. 27, 2019 for Concordia products (Labeler 59212) experienced difficulty when attempting to reverse and rebill these claims. Modifications have been made in NC Tracks, and pharmacies needing to reprocess claims for Concordia products (Labeler 59212) with dates of service prior to Jan. 27, 2019, can now reprocess those claims.

New Prior Approval Request Form for Epinephrine Pens

A new Prior Approval (PA) form for epinephrine pens is now available on the NCTracks [Drug Request Forms page](#). Until now, providers submitting the PA request via fax used the standard drug PA request form. This new PA form should now be used when submitting a PA for epinephrine pens via fax; however, submitting a PA via the secure provider portal is still the preferred method as it allows for quicker and more efficient processing.

Preferred Brands with Non-Preferred Generics List

Current as of February 25, 2019

Brand Name	Generic Name
Actiq 1200 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 1200 mcg lozenges
Actiq 1600 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 1600 mcg lozenges
Actiq 200 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 200 mcg lozenges
Actiq 400 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 400 mcg lozenges
Actiq 600 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 600 mcg lozenges
Actiq 800 mcg Lozenges	fentanyl citrate 800 mcg lozenges
Adderall XR 10 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 10 mg
Adderall XR 15 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 15 mg
Adderall XR 20 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 20 mg
Adderall XR 25 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 25 mg
Adderall XR 30 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 30 mg
Adderall XR 5 mg	amphetamine salt combo ER 5 mg
Advair Diskus 100-50	fluticasone salmeterol 100-50

	Wixela 100-50
Advair Diskus 250-50	fluticasone salmeterol 250-50 Wixela 250-50
Advair Diskus 500-50	fluticasone salmeterol 500-50 Wixela 500-50
Aggrenox	aspirin-dipyridamole ER
Alphagan P 0.15% Drops	brimonidine P 0.15% Drops
Androgel 1.62% Gel Pump	testosterone 1.62% gel pump
Astepro 0.15% Nasal Spray	azelastine 0.15% nasal spray
Butrans 10 mcg/hr patch	buprenorphine 10 mcg/hr patch
Butrans 15 mcg/hr patch	buprenorphine 15 mcg/hr patch
Butrans 20 mcg/hr patch	buprenorphine 20 mcg/hr patch
Butrans 5 mcg/hr Patch	buprenorphine 5 mcg/hr patch
Butrans 7.5 mcg/hr Patch	buprenorphine 7.5 mcg/hr patch
Canasa 1,000 mg Suppository	mesalamine 1,000 mg suppository
Catapres-TTS 1	clonidine 0.1 mg/day patch
Catapres-TTS 2	clonidine 0.2 mg/day patch
Catapres-TTS 3	clonidine 0.3 mg/day patch
Cipro 10% Suspension	ciprofloxacin 500 mg/5 ml suspension
Cipro 5% Suspension	ciprofloxacin 250 mg/5 ml suspension
Clobex 0.005% Shampoo	clobetasol 0.005% shampoo
Concerta 18 mg tab	methylphenidate ER 18 mg
Concerta 27 mg tab	methylphenidate ER 27 mg
Concerta 36 mg tab	methylphenidate ER 36 mg
Concerta 54 mg tab	methylphenidate ER 54 mg
Copaxone 20 mg/ml Syr	glatiramer 20 mg/ml syringe
Copaxone 40 mg/ml Syr	glatiramer 40 mg/ml syringe
Derma-Smoothe-FS Body Oil	fluocinolone 0.01% body oil
Derma-Smoothe-FS Scalp Oil	fluocinolone 0.01% scalp oil
Dermotic Otic Drops	fluocinolone 0.01% otic drops
Diastat 2.5 mg Pedi System	diazepam 2.5 mg rectal gel system
Diastat Acudial 12.5-15-20	diazepam 20 mg rectal gel system
Diastat Acudial 5-7.5-10	diazepam 10 mg rectal gel system
Differin 0.1% Cream	adapalene 0.1% cream
Differin 0.1% Gel	adapalene 0.1% gel
Differin 0.3% Gel Pump	adapalene 0.3% gel pump
Dovonex 0.005% Cream	calcipotriene 0.005% cream
E.E.S 200	erythromycin ethyl succinate 200 mg/5 ml
Elidel 1% Cream	picmecrolimus 1% cream
Emend 125 mg Capsule	aprepitant 125 mg capsule
Emend 40 mg Capsule	aprepitant 40 mg capsule
Emend 80 mg Capsule	aprepitant 80 mg capsule
Epiduo Gel	adapalene/benzoyl peroxide gel

Epclusa 400 mg-100 mg Tablet	velpatasvir and sofosbuvir 400-100 tablet
Epivir HBV Tablet 100 mg	lamivudine tablet 100 mg
Exelon 13.3 mg/24 hr Patch	rivastigmine 13.3 mg/24 hr patch
Exelon 4.6 mg/24 hr Patch	rivastigmine 4.6 mg/24 hr patch
Exelon 9.5 mg/24 hr Patch	rivastigmine 9.5 mg/24 hr patch
Exforge-HCT 10-160-12.5	amlodipine-valsartan-hctz10-160-12.5
Exforge-HCT 10-160-25	amlodipine-valsartan-hctz 10-160-25
Exforge-HCT 10-320-25	amlodipine-valsartan-hctz 10-320-25
Exforge-HCT 5-160-12.5	amlodipine-valsartan-hctz 5-160-12.5
Exforge-HCT 5-160-25	amlodipine-valsartan-hctz 5-160-25
Fazacla 100 mg ODT	clozapine 100 mg ODT
Fazacla 12.5 mg ODT	clozapine 12.5 mg ODT
Fazacla 150 mg ODT	clozapine 150 mg ODT
Fazacla 200 mg ODT	clozapine 200 mg ODT
Fazacla 25 mg ODT	clozapine 25 mg ODT
Focalin 10 mg	dexmethylphenidate 10 mg
Focalin 2.5 mg	dexmethylphenidate 2.5 mg
Focalin 5 mg	dexmethylphenidate 5 mg
Focalin XR 10 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 10 mg
Focalin XR 15 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 15 mg
Focalin XR 20 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 20 mg
Focalin XR 25 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 25 mg
Focalin XR 30 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 30 mg
Focalin XR 35 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 35 mg
Focalin XR 40 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 40 mg
Focalin XR 5 mg	dexmethylphenidate ER 5 mg
Gabitril 12 mg	tiagabine 12 mg
Gabitril 16 mg	tiagabine 16 mg
Gabitril 2 mg	tiagabine 2 mg
Gabitril 4 mg	tiagabine 4 mg
Glyset 100 mg	miglitol 100 mg
Glyset 25 mg	miglitol 25 mg
Glyset 50 mg	miglitol 50 mg
Kadian ER 10 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 10 mg
Kadian ER 100 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 100 mg
Kadian ER 20 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 20 mg
Kadian ER 30 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 30 mg
Kadian ER 40 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 40 mg
Kadian ER 50 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 50 mg
Kadian ER 60 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 60 mg
Kadian ER 80 mg	morphine sulfate ER capsules 80 mg
Kitabis Pak 300 mg/5 ml	tobramycin pak 300 mg/5 ml
Lialda 1.2 gm Tablet	mesalamine 1.2 gm tablet

Lovenox 300 mg/3 ml Vial	enoxaparin 300 mg/3 ml vial
Makena 1,250 mg/5 ml Vial	hydroxyprogesterone 1,250 mg/5 ml vial
Methylin 10 mg/5 ml Solution	methylphenidate 10 mg/5 ml solution
Methylin 5 mg/5 ml Solution	methylphenidate 5 mg/5 ml solution
MetroCream 0.75% Cream	metronidazole 0.75% cream
Metrogel Topical 1% Gel	metronidazole topical 1% gel
Metrogel Topical 1% Pump	metronidazole topical 1% gel
MetroLotion 0.75% Lotion	metronidazole 0.75% lotion
Mitigare 0.6 mg capsules	colchicine 0.6 mg capsules
Natroba 0.9% Topical Susp	spinosad 0.9% topical susp
Niaspan ER 1000 mg Tablets	niacin ER 1000 mg tablets
Niaspan ER 500 mg Tablets	niacin ER 500 mg tablets
Niaspan ER 750 mg Tablets	niacin ER 750 mg tablets
Nuvigil 150 MG Tabs	armodafinil 150 mg tabs
Nuvigil 200 MG Tabs	armodafinil 200 mg tabs
Nuvigil 250 MG Tabs	armodafinil 250 mg tabs
Nuvigil 50 MG Tabs	armodafinil 50 mg tabs
Oxycontin 10 mg	oxycodone ER 10 mg
Oxycontin 15 mg	oxycodone ER 15 mg
Oxycontin 20 mg	oxycodone ER 20 mg
Oxycontin 30 mg	oxycodone ER 30 mg
Oxycontin 40 mg	oxycodone ER 40 mg
Oxycontin 60 mg	oxycodone ER 60 mg
Oxycontin 80 mg	oxycodone ER 80 mg
Pataday 0.2% Drops	olopatadine 0.2% drops
ProAir HFA/Proventil HFA	albuterol HFA inhaler
Provigil 100 mg	modafinil 100 mg
Provigil 200 mg	modafinil 200 mg
Pulmicort 0.25 mg/2 ml	budesonide 0.25 mg/2 ml
Pulmicort 0.5 mg/2 ml	budesonide 0.5 mg/2 ml
Pulmicort 1 mg/2 ml	budesonide 1.0 mg/2 ml
Renvela 0.8 gm powder pkt	sevelamer 0.8 gm powder pkt
Renvela 2.4 gm powder pkt	sevelamer 2.4 gm powder pkt
Retin-A 0.025% Cream	tretinoin 0.025% cream
Retin-A 0.05% Cream	tretinoin 0.05% cream
Retin-A 0.1% Cream	tretinoin 0.1% cream
Retin-A Gel 0.01%	tretinoin gel 0.01%
Retin-A Gel 0.025%	tretinoin gel 0.025%
Sabril Powder Pack	vigabatrin powder pack
Suboxone 2-0.5 mg film	buprenorphine/Naloxone 2-0.5 mg film
Suboxone 4-1 mg film	buprenorphine/Naloxone 4-1 mg film
Suboxone 8 mg-2 mg film	buprenorphine/Naloxone 8mg-2mg film
Suboxone 12-3 mg film	buprenorphine/Naloxone 12-3 mg film

Suprax 100 mg/5 ml Susp	cefixime 100 mg/5 ml susp
Suprax 200 mg/5 ml Susp	cefixime 200 mg/5 ml susp
Symbyax 12-25	olanzepine-fluoxetine 12-25
Symbyax 12-50	olanzepine-fluoxetine 12-50
Symbyax 3-25	olanzepine-fluoxetine 3-25
Symbyax 6-25	olanzepine-fluoxetine 6-25
Symbyax 6-50	olanzepine-fluoxetine 6-50
Tamiflu 30 mg Caps	oseltamivir 30 mg caps
Tamiflu 45 mg Caps	oseltamivir 45 mg caps
Tamiflu 6 mg/ml Suspension	oseltamivir 6 mg/ml suspension
Tamiflu 75 mg Caps	oseltamivir 75 mg caps
Tegretol 100 mg/5 ml Susp	carbamazepine 100 mg/5 ml susp
Tegretol 200 mg Tab	carbamazepine 200 mg tab
Tegretol XR 100 mg Tab	carbamazepine ER 100 mg tab
Tegretol XR 200 mg Tab	carbamazepine ER 200 mg tab
Tegretol XR 400 mg Tab	carbamazepine ER 400 mg tab
TobraDex Eye Drops	tobramycin-dexamethasone drops
Transderm-Scop 1.5 mg/3 day	scopolamine 1 mg/3 day patch
Vagifem 10 mcg Vaginal Tab	estradiol 10 mcg vaginal insert
Vigamox 0.5% Eye Drops	moxifloxacin 0.5% eye drops
Voltaren 1% Gel	diclofenac 1% gel
Xenazine 12.5 mg Tablets	tetrabenazine 12.5 mg tablets
Xenazine 25 mg Tablets	tetrabenazine 25 mg tablets
Zovirax 5% Ointment	acyclovir 5% ointment

As a reminder, if a brand is preferred with a non-preferred generic equivalent, “medically necessary” is NOT needed on the face of the prescription in order for the brand product to be covered.

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 approval. **Federal law requires that this emergency supply be available to Medicaid beneficiaries for drugs requiring prior approval** (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 approval 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.

Checkwrite Schedule for March 2019

Electronic Cutoff Schedule

March 1, 2019
March 8, 2019
March 15, 2019
March 22, 2019

Checkwrite Schedule

March 5, 2019
March 12, 2019
March 20, 2019
March 26, 2019

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 2019 checkwrite schedules for both DHB and DMH/DPH/ORH can be found under the Quick Links on the right side of the [NCTracks Provider Portal](#) home page.

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