

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

10. Dental Services.

Payments for dental services shall be equal to the lower of the submitted charge or the appropriate fee from the Dental fee schedule, except for payments made to the state-operated Dental Schools at the University of North Carolina and East Carolina University. Payments for dental services to the state-operated Dental Schools will be reimbursed at the maximum amount from the fee schedule and cost settled at year end. Cost settlement for Medicaid covered services using the methodology outlined in this section shall be effective for the University of North Carolina Dental School beginning July 1, 2014 and for the East Carolina University Dental School beginning November 1, 2015.

- A. Annual rate adjustments will occur January 1st. At no time shall the rate for any new dental code or any future rate increases exceed 75% of the National Dental Advisory Service (NDAS) 50% median effective July 1st, of the prior year.
- B. Fees for new services are established based on the fees for similar existing services. If there are no similar services the fee is set at 75 percent of the estimated average charge until an NDAS median is established.
- C. Fees for services deemed to be associated with adequacy of access to health care services may be increased or decreased based on administrative review. The service must be essential to the health needs of the Medicaid recipients, no other comparable treatment available and a fee adjustment must be necessary to maintain dental participation at a level adequate to meet the needs of Medicaid recipients.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision, if specified, these rates will be adjusted as shown on Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 3, Page 1a of the State Plan.
- E. The agency's rates were set as of January 1, 1995 and are effective on or after that date. All rates are published on the website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/fee/index.htm>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.