



Medical Assistance
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

An Information Service of the Division of Medical Assistance

**North Carolina
Special Medicaid Pharmacy
Newsletter**

Number 271

August 2017

In This Issue...

**Update on Claims Reprocessing Due to Pharmacy Reimbursement Methodology
Changes**

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

800-688-6696

Update on Claims Reprocessing Due to Pharmacy Reimbursement Methodology Changes

This is an update to the article in the July 2016 Pharmacy Newsletter.

The claim reprocessing timeframe outlined in the July notification has changed. The claim reprocessing will still begin on August 15, but rather than ending on November 21, 2017, it will continue through March 27, 2018. The extended timeframe is intended to help reduce the impact on providers in a given checkwrite.

As outlined in the June 2016 and July 2016 Pharmacy newsletters ([Medicaid website](#)), the Pharmacy Reimbursement Methodology changes were implemented in NCTracks on July 31, 2016.

Pharmacy claims processed and paid in NCTracks from January 1 through July 30, 2016, will be reprocessed with the new NADAC reimbursement methodology.

Initially, a sample set of claims were pulled and pended for analysis in advance of the claims reprocessing. These claims transactions posted to the Remittance Advice (RA) in the August 1, 2017, checkwrite but did not have financial activity.

Subsequently, the reprocessed pharmacy claims will be reflected in the checkwrites between August 15, 2017, and March 27, 2018. (There will be one additional checkwrite cycle after analysis of the reprocessed claims. A notice will be sent when the date of the final checkwrite cycle is determined).

The reprocessed claims will be reported in a separate section of the paper Remittance Advice (RA) with the unique Explanation of Benefits (EOB) code 06025 - CLAIM REPROCESSED TO PAY USING NADAC (NATIONAL AVERAGE DRUG ACQUISITION COST) PRICING METHODOLOGY. The EOB 06025 will only appear on the paper RA and will not appear on the X12 835. The 835 electronic transactions will include the reprocessed claims along with other claims submitted for the checkwrite. (There is no separate 835.)

Important Reprocessing Information: Reprocessing does not guarantee payment for the claims. Pharmacy claims will be reprocessed with the new reimbursement methodology. Also, while some edits may be bypassed as part of the claim reprocessing, changes made to the system since the claims were originally adjudicated may apply to the reprocessed claims. Therefore, the reprocessed claims could deny.

The claim reprocessing will likely result in a recoupment of funds. If there are not sufficient funds from claims paid in the August 15, 2017, through March 27, 2018, checkwrites to satisfy the recoupment, an Accounts Receivable (AR) will be created. Recoupment of the AR will begin with the subsequent NCTracks checkwrite and the recoupment process will continue at each checkwrite until the full amount due is recouped.

If funds are insufficient to collect the full amount due from the NPI for which the AR was generated, NCTracks will automatically seek to recoup the AR from other NPIs with the same Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Identification Number. For more information about the AR process, see the [NCTracks February 29, 2016, announcement](#).

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