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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

FROM: Dave Richard
Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2017-0012

DATE: September 15, 2017

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 affected page is Attachment 3.1-E, Page 2.

This state plan change will remove the prior approval requirement from Ventricular Assist Devices (VAD) and from live and cadaver donor kidney transplants. The Division of Medical Assistance is revising their clinical policies to reflect the removal of prior approval from VADs and live kidney donor transplants. Prior approval is currently removed from cadaver donor kidney transplants, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), extracorporeal life support (ECLS), implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), and biventricular pacemaker for congestive heart failure (CHF) but prior approval for these procedures was not removed from the State Plan. Prior approval will now be removed from the State Plan to synchronize with the removal of the prior approval requirement from these procedures.

This amendment is effective August 1, 2017.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Teresa Smith at 919-855-4116.

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II. Solid Organ Transplants

- A. Medically necessary solid organ transplants and other related procedures are covered for adults and children, with prior approval. These include the following:
- Heart transplant
 - Heart/lung transplant
 - Lung transplant
 - Liver transplant
 - Pancreas transplant
 - Islet cell transplant
 - Small bowel, small bowel/liver and multi-visceral transplant
- B. Medically necessary solid organ transplants and other related procedures are covered for adults and children, without prior approval. These include the following:
- Kidney transplant
 - Ventricular assist device (VAD)
 - Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), Extracorporeal life support (ECLS)
 - Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)
 - Biventricular Pacemaker for congestive heart failure (CHF)