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Attention: Physicians

3% Physician Rate Reduction

(This applies only to Physicians and Providers who
bill for Physician Services)

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The 3% fee reduction in accordance with North Carolina Session Law 2013-360, Section 12H.18 (b) **will be implemented on March 2, 2015**. The reduction was announced in the [January, 2014 Medicaid Bulletin](#) article titled *3 Percent Rate Reduction*.

*3% rate reduction for Primary Care Physician **who attested** for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Enhanced Payments*

- Subject to the 3% fee reduction enacted under Session Law [2013 – 360](#)
 - The reduction was effective Jan. 1, [2015](#) and will be implemented March 2, 2015.
 - NCTracks will reprocess claims from Jan. 1, 2015 through March 1, 2015 at a later date.

3% rate reduction for Physician Services (physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified registered nurse assistants)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q - Are physicians in North Carolina still receiving ACA Enhanced Payments?

No, enhanced payments ended for all services provided on or after January 1, 2015.

Q - Why did the 3% fee reduction not apply to ACA primary care physicians until Jan. 1, 2015, when it applied to all other services effective Jan. 1, 2014?

North Carolina Session Law [2013 – 360](#) instructed that ACA primary care physicians were to be exempt from the 3% rate reduction until Jan. 1, 2015.

Current fee schedules have been adjusted to reflect the 3% fee reduction and have been posted to the DMA website. DMA will alert providers through Medicaid bulletins, NCTracks email blasts and in the NCTracks provider portal as more information is available.

REMINDER

Pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, all providers will be subject to a 1% fee schedule reduction effective January 1, 2015 as enacted by [Session Law 2014 – 100](#).

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