SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #188: Extension of Temporary Suspension of Prior Authorization for Post-Acute Placements
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
The prior authorization waiver is extended to Oct. 15.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #187: NC Medicaid Replacing Outbreak Rates with Single, Uniform Public Health Emergency Rate
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
NC Medicaid is updating the special focused financial assistance to Skilled Nursing Facilities provided through outbreak rates.

Electronic Visit Verification Soft Launch Update for Prepaid Health Plans
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Final Extension of Electronic Visit Verification Soft Launch for Prepaid Health Plans

National Correct Coding Initiative Reminder
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
All state Medicaid programs are required to incorporate methodologies.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #186: Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
On Sept. 24, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made the following recommendations:

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #185: Casirivimab and Imdevimab, for Intravenous Infusion or Subcutaneous Injection
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
This Special Bulletin updates SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #177: Casirivimab and Imdevimab Approved for Emergency Use.

Tailored Care Management 101 Webinar Series
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
The webinar series runs from October through mid-December.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #184: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
NC Medicaid reimburses for the provision of the vaccine at the same rate as Medicare and is creating an additional payment to encourage access to vaccines during the Public Health Emergency.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #183: M0201 COVID-19 Vaccine Home Administration
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
Effective June 8, 2021, Medicaid will pay an extra $35, in addition to the standard administration payment (approximately $40 per COVID-19 vaccine dose), for a total payment of approximately $75 for a vaccine dose administered in a patient's home.
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #182: Temporary Availability of the Hospital at Home Program
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
Effective Sept. 1, 2021, the Acute Hospital Care at Home (HAH) program will be available to North Carolina hospitals that have been granted a waiver from CMS and service NC Medicaid beneficiaries.

Keep NCTracks Records Current to Avoid Claims Processing Issues
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
The NCTracks provider record serves as the source of truth for managed care entities.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #181: NC Medicaid Accepting Requests for COVID Response Facilities
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
Due to the rapid increase in COVID infection and related hospitalization occupancy, NC Medicaid is reactivating its consideration of Response Facility Designation Requests submitted by skilled nursing facilities.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #180: 9th Amendment to the Public Readiness & Emergency Preparedness Act
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
NC Medicaid licensed pharmacists are authorized to order and administer REGEN-COV monoclonal antibodies and pharmacy technicians/interns may administer it, in accordance with the conditions of their licensure and/or scope of practice.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #179: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
NC Medicaid is extending all current COVID-19 temporary provider rate increases through Nov. 30, 2021.

Reminder: NC Medicaid Managed Care Beneficiary Choice Period Ends Sept. 30, 2021
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
Within the first 90 days of launch, beneficiaries can change their prepaid health plan for any reason.

Prepaid Health Plan Interest and Penalties for Provider Claims
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
Prepaid health plans are required to pay interest and penalties to providers if they fail to accurately pay or inappropriately deny a claim.

NC Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update – Sept. 15, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
Topics include key dates, playbook updates, prior authorization, FAQs, contracting, ombudsman, webinars and more.

Private Duty Nursing Clinical Coverage Policy 3G-1 for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
The policy is amended with the effective date of July 15, 2021.

Prior Approval Requirements Resume for Children’s Developmental Services Agency Providers
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
Effective Oct. 15, 2021, CDSAs and independent practitioners providing individualized family service plan services must resume submitting PA requests.
ICD-10 Annual Update Reminder  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021  
The 2022 ICD-10 update is effective Oct. 1, 2021

Anifrolumab-fnia Injection, for Intravenous Use (Saphnelo™) HCPCS Code J3590: Billing Guidelines  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021  
Effective Aug. 18, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover anifrolumab-fnia injection

North Carolina Standard & Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy Requirement  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021  
Tobacco-related policy requirements go into effect on July 1, 2022.

NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Announcements - September, 2021  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021  
Two Months Left to Submit Program Year 2021 Attestations; Security Risk Analysis

Interim Process for Submitting Prior Authorization Requests for Beneficiaries Disenrolled to NC Medicaid Direct  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021  
Providers are encouraged to confirm which PA types are included in this long-term design.

Clinical Coverage Policy 11A-17 CAR T-Cell Therapy Revision Effective Oct. 1, 2021  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021  
Will cover all U.S. FDA approved CAR T-Cell Therapies when administered per U.S. FDA approved guidelines

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #178: Temporary Provisions for COVID Surge: Post-Acute PA Exceptions and Hospital at Home Program  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2021  
Temporary Suspension of Prior Authorization for Post-Acute Placements and Temporary Availability of the Hospital at Home Program