MEMORANDUM

TO: DHB Management & State Plan E-mail Subscribers
FROM: Cecilia Williams, State Plan and Amendments Coordinator
SUBJECT: Update to State Plan for Health Benefits (306)
DATE: April 18, 2022

The following changes were made in the NC Medicaid State Plan Manual. You may view the Plan on DHB’s website at https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/meetings-and-notices/medicaid-state-plan-public-notices.

SPA 21-0010 (TRANSPLANT) This State Plan Amendment change removes the prior approval requirement from both solid organ and stem cell transplants. Coverage of these services will remain the same and be maintained in the clinical coverage policies. The anticipated impact is that this update will relieve some administrative burden.

OLD PAGE(S): Attachment 3.1-A.1, page 2 and Attachment 3.1-E, pgs. 2, 4, 6, 8
NEW PAGE(S): Attachment 3.1-A.1, page 2 and Attachment 3.1-E, pgs. 2, 4, 6, 8

SPA 21-0011 (PCCMe) This State Plan Amendment change outlines that North Carolina Medicaid allows for implementation of a plan for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to operate a Tribal Option PCCMe for EBCI tribal members as well as other Indian Health Service (IHS) eligible individuals.

OLD PAGE(S): None
NEW PAGE(S): 1932a State Plan Preprint Attachment 3.1-F (Part 2)
**SPA 21-0012 (VALUE BASED PURCHASING AGREEMENTS)** This State Plan Amendment change outlines that North Carolina Medicaid permits the inclusion of Value/Outcomes Based Purchasing Rebate Agreements as an additional methodology for collecting supplemental rebates.

**OLD PAGE(S):** Attachment 3.1-A.1, page 14c

**NEW PAGE(S):** Attachment 3.1-A.1, page 14c

**SPA 21-0014 (IP HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT)** This State Plan Amendment change outlines that North Carolina Medicaid amends the State Plan to discontinue the temporary COVID-19 5% legislative rate increase applied under Session Law 2020-4 (House Bill 104-3) and amended by Session Law 2021-3 (House Bill 196) to inpatient hospital services. Effective 7/1/21, hospital rates will revert to the rates paid prior to implementation of the temporary COVID-19 5% increase that expire on June 30, 2021, as updated by State Plan Amendment 21-0004.

**OLD PAGE(S):** Attachment Section 7.4-A, page 1

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**SPA 21-0015 (OP HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT)** This State Plan Amendment change outlines that North Carolina Medicaid amends the State Plan to discontinue the temporary COVID-19 5% legislative rate increase applied under Session Law 2020-4 (House Bill 1043) and amended by Session Law 2021-3 (House Bill 196) to outpatient hospital services. Effective 7/1/2021, hospital rates will revert to the rates paid prior to implementation of the temporary COVID-19 5% increase that expire on June 30, 2021, as updated via state plan amendment 21-0005.

**OLD PAGE(S):** Attachment Section 7.4-A, page 2

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