The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan page Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 3, 4, 23, and Supplement 1, Page 3 for Inpatient Hospital Services. Effective January 1, 2015, the hospital base DRG rate is being replaced with a single statewide base DRG rate which excludes all primary affiliated hospitals for the University of North Carolina Medical Schools, and reduces the case weighting factor assigned to each DRG by two and one-tenth percent (2.1%). This change in methodology is required by Sections 12H.12.(b) and 12H.14B of Session Law 2014 – 100.

This amendment will become effective January 1, 2015. The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is:

a. SFY 2015 ($1,566,750)
b. SFY 2016 ($3,133,501)

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the county Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Medical Assistance at the address listed below:

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