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MEMORANDUM

TO:  DMA Management & State Plan E-mail Subscribers
FROM:  Teresa J. Smith, Administrative Service Manager
SUBJECT: Update to State Plan for Medical Assistance (266)
DATE:  May 28, 2015

The following changes were made in the NC Medicaid State Plan manual. You may view the Plan on DMA’s website at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/plan/index.htm.

SPA# 14-040 (Nursing) The purpose of the state plan amendment (SPA) 14-040 was to implement changes to the reimbursement methodologies for Nursing Facilities which implements Session Law 2014 – 100, Section 12H.7 and Section 12H.14. This change repeals the 3% rate reduction to the Nursing Facilities effective June 1, 2015 for rates in effect on May 31, 2015. The amendment will also freeze the Nursing Case Mix Index increases on January 1, 2015 and the rate for nursing home direct care services case mix not to increase above the rate in effect on December 31, 2014.


SPA# 14-046 (Hospital-DRG) The purpose of this state plan amendment is replacing each hospital’s base DRG rates with a single statewide base DRG rate which excludes all primary affiliated hospitals for the University of North Carolina Medical Schools, and reducing the case weighting factor assigned to each DRG by two and one-tenth percent (2.1%). This change is enacted by Session Law, 2014-100, Section 12H.14A and Section 12H.12B.


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