



June 2019 NC Medicaid Bulletin Digest

[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Rate Increase on E&M Procedure Codes](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

NC Medicaid has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase rates for Evaluation and Management (E&M) procedure codes, as defined in Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and paid to primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. In addition to the ACA primary care practitioners, obstetricians and gynecologists will also be included as primary care physicians.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Approved PHP Provider Contracts as of June 21, 2019](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019

The Contract for Prepaid Health Plan Services (the State Contract) between the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and the selected Medicaid Managed Care plans (i.e., Prepaid Health Plans or PHPs) indicates that contracts between PHPs and providers shall comply with the terms of the State Contract and must be approved by the Department.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: NEMT Reimbursement Rate Increase](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

The Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid) has received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase the rate for code T2003 Non-Emergency Transportation, Encounter/Trip for Ambulance Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Services.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Approved PHP Provider Contracts as of June 18, 2019](#)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

The Contract for Prepaid Health Plan Services (the State Contract) between the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and the selected Medicaid Managed Care plans (i.e., Prepaid Health Plans or PHPs) indicates that contracts between PHPs and providers shall comply with the terms of the State Contract and must be approved by the Department.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Approved PHP Provider Contracts as of June 12, 2019](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

The Contract for Prepaid Health Plan Services (the State Contract) between the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and the selected Medicaid Managed Care plans (i.e., Prepaid Health Plans or PHPs) indicates that contracts between PHPs and providers shall comply with the terms



of the State Contract and must be approved by the Department.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Approved PHP Provider Contracts as of June 7, 2019](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

The Contract for Prepaid Health Plan Services (the State Contract) between the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and the selected Medicaid Managed Care plans (i.e., Prepaid Health Plans or PHPs) indicates that contracts between PHPs and providers shall comply with the terms of the State Contract and must be approved by the Department.

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[SPECIAL BULLETIN: Approved PHP Provider Contract Templates as of May 31, 2019](#)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

The Contract for Prepaid Health Plan Services (the State Contract) between the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and the selected Medicaid Managed Care plans (i.e., Prepaid Health Plans or PHPs) indicates that contracts between PHPs and providers shall comply with the terms of the State Contract and must be approved by the Department.

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[Gemcitabine in sodium chloride injection, for intravenous use \(Infugem™\) HCPCS code J9999: Billing Guidelines](#)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

Effective with date of service March 12, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover gemcitabine in sodium chloride injection, for intravenous use (Infugem) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs.

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[Are you in Compliance with NC Law? Connecting to NC's Health Information Exchange, NC HealthConnex](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

One of the goals of a transformed health care system is for near real-time clinical and demographic data to be made available to all health care providers involved in a patient's care so that they can securely share health information concerning that patient with each other.

North Carolina's state-designated health information exchange, NC HealthConnex, was created in 2015 by the North Carolina General Assembly to help bridge the gap between disparate systems and health care networks to support whole patient care.

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[Esketamine nasal spray \(Spravato™\) HCPCS code J3490: Billing Guidelines](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Effective with date of service 3/8/2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover esketamine nasal spray (Spravato™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs.

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[ICD 10 Codes for Acute Appendicitis](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

NC Medicaid has received calls concerning the ICD 10 diagnoses codes for acute appendicitis.

NC Medicaid has provided instructions to NCTracks on updating the diagnoses code list for acute appendicitis.

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[Clinical Coverage Policy \(CCP\) 1A-39 Routine Costs in Clinical Trial Services for Life Threatening Conditions](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

To align with children's health quality measure reporting, NC Medicaid has added diagnosis code Z71.82 (Exercise Counseling) to NCTracks as an acceptable secondary diagnosis effective Oct. 1, 2017.

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[Rutherford County Transition Effective July 2019](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

The Secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has approved the disengagement of Rutherford County from the VAYA Health Local Management Entity-Managed Care Organization (LME-MCO) and their alignment with Partners Behavioral Health Management LME-MCO.

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[Billing Code Update for Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

NC Medicaid has received calls concerning claim denials for some services provided by nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs).

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[Diagnosis Code Z71.82 \(Exercise Counseling\) Added to NCTracks](#)

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In response to provider requests, NC Medicaid has added coverage for central motor evoked potential.

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[Updates to Clinical Coverage Policy 10C: Outpatient Specialized Therapies, Local Education Agencies](#)

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On May 15, 2019, an amended version of Clinical Coverage Policy 10C, Outpatient Specialized Therapies, Local Education Agencies (LEAs), was posted to the North Carolina Medicaid website. The following updates were made in accordance with State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 18-0005.

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[Iobenguane I 131 injection, for intravenous use \(Azedra®\), HCPCS Code A9699 and A4641: Billing Guidelines](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Effective with date of service Oct. 29, 2018, NC Medicaid covers Azedra for use in the Physician's Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code A9699, Radiopharmaceutical, therapeutic, not otherwise classified (therapeutic use) or A4641, Radiopharmaceutical, diagnostic, not otherwise classified (dosimetric use).

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[Coverage for Central Motor Evoked Potential](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

In response to provider requests, NC Medicaid has added coverage for central motor evoked potential.

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[Co-payments for Adult Optical Services](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

List of applicable co-payments for adult Medicaid beneficiaries (21 years of age and older)

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[Clinical Policy Update](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

A new or amended policy on Outpatient Specialized Therapies - Local Education Agencies

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[Provision of Services for Routine Eye Exams and Visual Aids](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Provision of eye examination and visual aids for beneficiaries under 21 years of age as well as beneficiaries over 21 years of age.

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[Tagraxofusp-erzs injection, for intravenous use \(Elzonris™\) HCPCS code J9999: Billing Guidelines](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Effective with date of service March 7, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover tagraxofusp-erzs injection, for intravenous use (Elzonris) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs.

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[Updates to NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record \(EHR\) Incentive Program](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

The NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS) is currently accepting Program Year 2019 Stage 3 Meaningful Use (MU) attestations.

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