September 2019 NC Medicaid Bulletin Digest

**DHHS Provider Resources for Transition to Medicaid Managed Care**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 3, 2019.**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recently launched an online “Provider Playbook” as part of its commitment to ensure providers have resources to help Medicaid beneficiaries transition smoothly to Medicaid Managed Care.

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**NC’s Transition to Medicaid Managed Care: The Crossover Communication Series**

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Supporting beneficiaries in their transition between the current fee-for-service delivery system and NC Medicaid Managed Care is called transition of care. The transitional period surrounding the launch of Medicaid Managed Care is referenced as crossover.

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**Update to Clinical Policy 15 Ambulance Service**

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Session Law 2018-5 Sec.11H.4 (see Appendix A) instructed the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to submit to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the necessary authority to establish Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance transports of Medicaid beneficiaries in behavioral health crisis to behavioral health clinics or other alternative locations effective July 1, 2019.

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**Infliximab-abda for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Renflexis®) HCPCS code Q5104: Billing Guidelines**

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Effective with date of service Aug. 1, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover infliximab-abda for injection, for intravenous use (Renflexis) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code Q5104 - Injection, infliximab-abda, biosimilar, (renflexis), 10 mg.

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**Clinical Coverage Policy Update**

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New or amended clinical coverage policies 9 and 8F are available on NC Medicaid’s website.

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Influenza Vaccine and Reimbursement Guidelines for 2019-2020 for North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice

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Polatuzumab vedotin-piiq for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Polivy™) HCPCS code J9999: Billing Guidelines

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Effective with date of service June 11, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover polatuzumab vedotin-piiq for injection, for intravenous use (Polivy) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs.

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Recent Changes to State Health Information Exchange, NC HealthConnex

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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 distinct electronic health record systems and health care networks to support whole patient care. With over seven million unique patient records and growing, NC HealthConnex is working to connect the state’s health care providers to deliver a holistic view of a patient’s record.

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Dexamethasone ophthalmic insert 0.4 mg, for intracanalicular use (Dextenza®) HCPCS code J3490: Billing Guidelines

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Effective with date of service June 20, 2019, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover dexamethasone ophthalmic insert 0.4 mg, for intracanalicular use (Dextenza) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs.

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Updates to NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3, 2019
The NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS) is only accepting Program Year 2019 Stage 3 Meaningful Use (MU) attestations. All eligible professionals (EPs) attesting in Program Year 2019 will be required to attest to Stage 3 MU and use a 2015 Edition of certified EHR technology (CEHRT).
Revisions to Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Clinical Coverage Policies

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3, 2019
Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) clinical coverage policies have been revised. The revisions, which will become effective Oct. 1, 2019 are outlined.

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Procedure for 340B Drug Claim Submissions

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The North Carolina Division of Health Benefits (DHB) would like to reiterate the 340B provider and claim submission requirements for both the outpatient pharmacy and Physician’s Drug Program (PDP).

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Billing Code Update for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

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NC Medicaid has received calls concerning claim denials for some services provided by nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs). NC Medicaid has provided instructions to NCTracks on updating the claims processing system.

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