SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #126: New Deadline for Medicaid Providers Applying for Federal Relief Funds  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

The deadline for Medicaid/CHIP providers to submit their financial data to apply for federal provider relief funds has been extended to Sept. 13, 2020. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #125: Webinar on Updated CDC Dental Guidance  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

NC DHHS and the NC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) are partnering in a free webinar series offering guidance to dental professionals. More

Pertuzumab, Trastuzumab and Hyaluronidase-zzxf Injection, for Subcutaneous use (Phesgo™) HCPCS Code J9999: Billing Guidelines  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

Effective with date of service July 1, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and hyaluronidase-zzxf injection, for subcutaneous use (Phesgo™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs. More

Mitomycin for Pyelocalyceal Solution (Jelmyto™) HCPCS Code J9999: Billing Guidelines  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

Effective with date of service June 17, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover mitomycin for pyelocalyceal solution (Jelmyto™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs. More

Lurbinectedin for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Zepzelca™) HCPCS Code J9999: Billing Guidelines  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

Effective with date of service June 19, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover lurbinectedin for injection, for intravenous use (Zepzelca™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs. More
**Bimatoprost Implant, for Intracameral Administration (Durysta™) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

Effective with date of service June 26, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover bimatoprost implant, for intracameral administration (Durysta™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs. [More](#)

**Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plan Memo on State-Funded Services Design Updates**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

A memo regarding North Carolina’s Design for State-Funded Services Under Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability Tailored Plans white paper has been released. [More](#)

**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #124: Reprocessing Claims to Apply Retroactive 5% Rate Increase for Medicaid Providers Covered in SL 2020-4**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020**

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Benefits (DHB) is continuing to implement previously-announced temporary 5% provider rate increases to select Medicaid providers (see COVID-19 Special Bulletin #99) to maintain access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries. [More](#)

**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #123: Temporary rate increase for Local Health Department Dental Services**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020**

NC Medicaid is implementing additional rate increases to continue helping Local Health Departments (LHDs) to serve Medicaid beneficiaries during the COVID-19 public health emergency. [More](#)

**Single State Audit SFY2020**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

The North Carolina Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has begun the Single State Audit for State fiscal year (SFY) 2020. [More](#)
Medicaid Claims Documentation - 2019 Single State Audit  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

During the recent State fiscal year (SFY) 2019 Single State Audit, OSA reviewed claims documentation to ensure payments were made for Medicaid-covered services and to ensure claims followed proper coding and billing rules. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #122: NC Medicaid Will Reimburse Providers for COVID-19 Testing for Uninsured North Carolinians; Applications Available  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

Effective Sept. 1, 2020, NC Medicaid will begin reimbursing COVID-19 testing costs for uninsured individuals enrolled in the NC Medicaid Optional COVID-19 Testing (MCV) program. This option was made available to all states through Section 6004(a)(3) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Testing providers are encouraged to download paper applications to be completed, collected and mailed to NC Medicaid at the address on the form. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #121: Executive Order Extends School Immunization, Health Assessment Deadlines  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Executive Order 156 and a State Health Director Memo have extended, but not waived, North Carolina proof-of-immunization documentation deadlines for school and child-care facilities. Additionally, the Executive Order also extends the deadline to submit a school health assessment for children entering North Carolina public school for the first time. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #120: Keeping Kids Well Program: Improving Well-Child Visit and Immunization Rates Across NC  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

The Keeping Kids Well program will work with practices to improve well-child visits and immunization rates across North Carolina. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #119: NC Medicaid Extends Temporary Clinical Coverage Policy Provisions and Temporary Rate Enhancements  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #118: New Opportunities for Medicaid Providers Applying for Federal Relief Funds
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

CMS announced changes to the Provider Relief Fund opportunities for Medicaid providers which include the application deadline being extended to Aug. 28, 2020, certain providers who previously received Medicare funds can apply for Provider Relief Funds and payments for providers who have changed ownership. More

Changes to 42 CFR Part 2
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

On July 15, 2020, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) finalized modifications to the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records regulations, 42 CFR Part 2 (“Part 2”). Modifications to Part 2 will be effective Aug. 14, 2020. More

NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Announcements
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

NC-MIPS is Open for Program Year 2020, Program Year 2020 Webinar Series and The Security Risk Analysis (SRA). More

HCPCS Code (J codes) Quarterly Update July 2020
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

Effective with the date of service July 1, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has added new HCPCS codes (J codes), deleted others, and changed the description of some existing codes. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #117: NCDHHS RFAs to Support Communities Hard Hit by COVID-19
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

NC Department of Health and Human Services has announced two Requests for Applications (RFAs) to help communities heavily affected by COVID-19. More