Community Alternatives Program for Children Waiver Renewal Stakeholder Engagement
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
Upcoming stakeholder sessions are announced for the Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) waiver, which will expire on Feb. 28, 2022. By October 2021, NC Medicaid will submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew the CAP/C waiver. More

Remimazolam for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Byfavo™) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
Effective with date of service Jan. 28, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover remimazolam for injection, for intravenous use (Byfavo™). More

Clinical Policy 1E-7, Family Planning Services Revised Effective May 1, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
An amended version of Clinical Coverage Policy 1E-7, Family Planning Services, with an effective date of May 1, 2021, will post to the NC Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy webpage. More

Clinical Policy 1A-41: Office-Based Opioid Treatment
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
Clinical Coverage Policy 1A-41, Office-Based Opioid Treatment is being updated to add buprenorphine for the treatment of patients aged 16 years and older. More

Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine Co-Packaged for IM Use (Cabenuva™) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
Effective with date of service Feb. 1, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover cabotegravir extended-release injectable suspension; rilpivirine extended-release injectable suspension, co-packaged for intramuscular use (Cabenuva™). More

Electronic Visit Verification Implementation: Extension of Pay and Report Period
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021
NC Medicaid will extend the pay and report period for providers subject to Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) past the original cutoff date of March 31, 2021. Medicaid will provide 30 days’ notice prior to the conclusion of pay and report. More

Electronic Visit Verification for CAP/C and CAP/DA Waiver Beneficiaries
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
This Bulletin gives guidance on the use of EVV for the Community Alternatives Programs for Children and Disabled Adults (CAP/C and CAP/DA) to ensure compliance with Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act. More
NC Medicaid is extending COVID-19 temporary provider rate increases and clinical coverage policies through June 30, 2021. More

This Bulletin updates rates previously published in SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #152 and SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #160. Effective March 15, 2021, NC Medicaid is aligning reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration with the CMS increased Medicare rate of $40 per dose. More

To support the DHHS goals to achieve health equity, NC Medicaid is introducing an enhanced payment to Carolina Access primary care practices serving beneficiaries from areas of the state with high poverty rates. More

DHHS is releasing an addendum to the Tailored Care Management Provider Manual on community inclusion that addresses the in-reach and transition requirements for Advanced Medical Home Plus practices and Care Management Agencies delivering Tailored Care Management. More

It has come to the attention of NC Medicaid that Edit 02088, which enforces a rule that coverage of procedure code G9919 for Healthy Opportunities Screening, Assessment and Referrals (HOSAR) positive screenings, be limited to providers affiliated with Carolina Access II based on the rendering provider NPI. More

The implementation date of Electronic Visit Verification for LME-MCOs has been extended to June 30, 2021. More

Key Dates for Transitioning to Medicaid Managed Care, PHP Quick Reference Guides Created, Provider Contracting Reminders, Provider Playbook Updates, Medicaid Contacts Reference Guide for Beneficiaries, Help Center, Webinars, Virtual Office Hours, Meet and Greet Sessions. More
Interim Process for Comprehensive Independent Assessment Entity Requests
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
Beginning April 1, 2021, NC Medicaid will begin strictly applying its timeline business rules for the receiving, processing and closing out referral requests. More

Cost of Dispensing Survey
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
The five-year cost of dispensing (COD) survey has been completed for NC pharmacies. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #161: Billing for Administration of Monoclonal Antibodies
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the unapproved products, bamlanivimab and etesevimab to be administered together for qualifying patients. More

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for active immunization to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals 18 years of age and older. More

NCDHHS Launches Statewide Open Enrollment for NC Medicaid Managed Care
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
NCDHHS announced today the launch of statewide open enrollment for NC Medicaid Managed Care. Beneficiaries can enroll through May 14, 2021 in preparation for NC Medicaid Managed Care launch on July 1, 2021. More

New and Amended Clinical Coverage Policies
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021
The following new or amended clinical coverage policies are available on the Clinical Coverage Policies web page on NC Medicaid’s website. More

Advanced Medical Home Tier 3 “Glidepath” Payments Update
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
The Advanced Medical Home Glidepath Attestation functionality is now live in NCTracks. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #159: Update on Appendix K Flexibilities
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021
NC Medicaid has updated its Appendix K to extend flexibilities on how Medicaid providers and beneficiaries access and receive home- and community-based services through CAP/C, CAP/DA, NC Innovations waiver and Traumatic Brain Injury waiver. More
Electronic Visit Verification Update: Alternate EVV Solution Deadline for Compliance  
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021  
To ensure that NC Medicaid meets implementation timelines and can fully integrate EVV through claims adjudication for all providers, alternate EVV Solutions must pass testing validation by March 10, 2021. If the solution has not passed testing by March 10, 2021, provider agencies currently enrolled with their solution may be required to enroll with the State’s EVV solution, Sandata, to ensure they are compliant with EVV requirements. More

Two Months Left to Submit Attestations for Program Year 2020  
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021  
Providers have until April 30, 2021, to submit a complete and accurate attestation for Program Year 2020. After that no changes can be made. More

CPT Code Update: 2021  
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021  
Effective with date of service Jan. 1, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has identified new CPT and HCPCS codes as separately reimbursable in the ambulatory surgery setting. More

NC Medicaid Help Center Now Available: A Convenient Way for Providers to Find Information  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021  
In addition to the NC Medicaid Provider webpage, Medicaid and NC Health Choice providers now have a supplemental resource to research their questions and submit inquiries. More