**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #140: Portal Live – Reimbursement for COVID-19-Related Primary Care Services for Uninsured Individuals Living in NC**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
The portal for providers to request reimbursement for COVID-19 related primary care services for uninsured individuals is live and can be accessed through the NCTracks secure portal. [More](#)

**Quarterly HCPCS Code (J codes) Update October 1, 2020**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
Effective with the date of service Oct. 1, 2020, CMS has added new HCPCS codes (J codes), deleted others and changed the description of some existing codes. [More](#)

**Managing Your Primary Care Assignments**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
**Attention Advanced Medical Homes, Carolina Access and CCNC Primary Care Practices** [More](#)

**Clinical Coverage Policies**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
The following new or amended clinical coverage policies are available on the Clinical Coverage Policies web page on NC Medicaid’s website. [More](#)

**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #139: COVID-19 Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020
Consistent with the federal Department of Health and Human Services’ extension of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency to January 21, 2021, NC Medicaid is extending COVID-19 temporary provider rate increases and clinical coverage policies to that same date. [More](#)

**Updates to Clinical Coverage Policy 5A-3, Nursing Equipment and Supplies**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
All temporary Durable Medical Equipment (DME) policy flexibilities outlined in COVID-19 Special Bulletins remain in effect. An amended version of Clinical Coverage Policy 5A-3, Nursing Equipment and Supplies with an effective date of Oct. 1, 2020, was posted to the NC Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy web page. [More](#)

**Updates to Clinical Coverage Policy 5A-2, Respiratory Equipment and Supplies**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
All temporary Durable Medical Equipment (DME) policy flexibilities outlined in COVID-19 Special Bulletins remain in effect. An amended version of Clinical Coverage Policy 5A-2, Respiratory Equipment and Supplies with an effective date of Oct. 1, 2020, was posted to the NC Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy web page. [More](#)
Viltolarsen Injection, for Intravenous Use (Viltepso™) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
Effective with date of service Aug. 20, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover viltolarsen injection, for intravenous use (Viltepso™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs. More

Satralizumab-mwge Injection, for Subcutaneous Use (Enspryng™) HCPCS Code J3590: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
Effective with date of service Aug. 24, 2020, the NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover satralizumab-mwge injection, for subcutaneous use (Enspryng™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J3590 - Unclassified biologics. More

Infliximab-axxq for Injection, for Intravenous use (Avsola™) HCPCS code Q5121: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
Effective with date of service Sept. 11, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover infliximab-axxq for injection, for intravenous use (Avsola) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code Q5121 - Injection, infliximab-axxq, biosimilar, (avsola), 10 mg. More

Belantamab Mafodotin-blmf for injection, for Intravenous use (Blenrep™) HCPCS Code J9999: Billing Guidelines
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
Effective with date of service Aug. 6, 2020, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover belantamab mafodotin-blmf for injection, for intravenous use (Blenrep™) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code J9999 - Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs. More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #138: New Opportunity for Providers Applying for Federal Relief Funds and Additional Guidance
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
The US Department of Health and Human Services announced an additional funding opportunity for Medicaid/CHIP providers to apply for federal Provider Relief Funds. The application period runs through Nov. 6, 2020. More

NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Announcements
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020
NC-MIPS is Open for Program Year 2020, Program Year 2020 Webinar Series, The Security Risk Analysis (SRA) and Program Year 2021 Announcements. More
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SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #137: Reimbursement for COVID-19 Related Primary Care Services for Uninsured NC Residents – Steps to Prepare
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) developed a program to reimburse primary care providers (PCP) with federal funds for providing medical care for COVID-19 related services to uninsured North Carolina residents. More

DHHS Awards Contract for Electronic Visit Verification
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020
NC DHHS awarded a contract to Sandata Technologies, LLC on Sept. 24, 2020, and will implement services for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) statewide on Jan. 1, 2021. EVV is a method used to verify visit activity for services delivered as part of home- and community-based service programs. EVV offers a measure of accountability to help ensure that individuals who are authorized to receive services in fact receive them. More