



**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #207: Medical Office Specimen Collection and CPT 99070 & 99072](#)**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

Reimbursement for COVID-19 Specimen Collection

**[CPT Code Update for 2022](#)**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

New CPT codes for effective date of service Jan. 1, 2022

**[Podiatric Physicians Permitted to Prescribe Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies](#)**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

DME/POS providers may issue medically necessary equipment & supplies

**[Pneumococcal 15-Valent Conjugate Vaccine Suspension for Intramuscular Injection \(Vaxneuvance™\) HCPCS Code 90671: Billing Guidelines](#)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

Effective with date of service Nov 1, 2021, Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover pneumococcal 15-valent conjugate vaccine suspension for intramuscular injection (Vaxneuvance™).

**[NC Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update – Dec. 21, 2021](#)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

Key dates, Playbook updates, Medicaid Direct, fabrication of eyeglasses, managed care eligibility for newborns, prior authorization, FAQs, Provider Ombudsman, Provider directory, PHP quick reference guides and help center.

**[Afamelanotide Implant, for Subcutaneous Use \(Scenesse®\) HCPCS Code J7352: Billing Guidelines](#)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

Effective with date of service Oct. 22, 2021, Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover afamelanotide implant, for subcutaneous use (Scenesse®).

**[NCDHHS Publishes Summary of Initial Network Adequacy Results for Standard Plans](#)**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Summary network adequacy results for Standard Plans are available.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #206: Coverage for COVID-19 Treatment for NC Medicaid Optional Eligibility Group](#)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

This group includes MAFDN Family Planning Medicaid and uninsured MCV beneficiaries.

**[Provider Survey for Electronic Visit Verification](#)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

Brief survey regarding electronic visit verification use in North Carolina

**[Advanced Medical Home Provider Manual 2.2 Released](#)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

AMH Provider Manual 2.2 reflects North Carolina's Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) pilot program expectations and changes that impact Advanced Medical Home Tier 3 contracts with Standard Plans.



**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #205: Change in Age for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Vaccine](#)**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Beginning Dec. 9, 2021, Medicaid and NC Health Choice will cover the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for administration to individuals age 16 and older.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #204: Monoclonal Antibodies Age Update for Code Q0245](#)**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

COVID-19 vaccination has been approved for all pediatric patients who meet specific criteria regarding COVID-19.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #203: NC Medicaid Revising and/or End-Dating All Temporary COVID-19 Rate Increases](#)**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Effective Dec. 31, 2021, NC Medicaid will end several of the temporary COVID-19 rate increases. Some of the rate increases in effect in December 2021 will be extended – at either current or revised levels - through Jan. 31, 2022.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #202: Extension of Hospital at Home Program](#)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

In order to ensure optimal access to care for NC Medicaid beneficiaries and to support providers during the recent COVID-19 surge, NC Medicaid is extending the Hospital at Home program through March 31, 2022.

**[NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Announcements](#)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2021

The NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program is no longer accepting Program Year 2021 attestations.

**[Coming in January 2022 - NEW NC Medicaid Provider Training](#)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2021

The seven-part series covers current policies and procedures under the new NC Medicaid Managed Care guidelines.

**[Extension to NC Medicaid Managed Care Appeals Deadlines](#)**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2021

Standard Plans temporarily extended minimum appeal timeframes to support the transition to NC Medicaid Managed Care.