

## Division of Health Benefits | NC Medicaid

# SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #188: Extension of Temporary Suspension of Prior Authorization for Post-Acute Placements

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The prior authorization waiver is extended to Oct. 15.

# SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #187: NC Medicaid Replacing Outbreak Rates with Single, Uniform Public Health Emergency Rate

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NC Medicaid is updating the special focused financial assistance to Skilled Nursing Facilities provided through outbreak rates.

### **Electronic Visit Verification Soft Launch Update for Prepaid Health Plans**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Final Extension of Electronic Visit Verification Soft Launch for Prepaid Health Plans

#### **National Correct Coding Initiative Reminder**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021** 

All state Medicaid programs are required to incorporate methodologies.

#### SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #186: Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

On Sept. 24, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made the following recommendations:

# SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #185: Casirivimab and Imdevimab, for Intravenous Infusion or Subcutaneous Injection MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

This Special Bulletin updates SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #177: Casirivimab and Imdevimab Approved for Emergency Use.

# **Tailored Care Management 101 Webinar Series**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

The webinar series runs from October through mid-December.

#### SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #184: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

NC Medicaid reimburses for the provision of the vaccine at the same rate as Medicare and is creating an additional payment to encourage access to vaccines during the Public Health Emergency.

## SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #183: M0201 COVID-19 Vaccine Home Administration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Effective June 8, 2021, Medicaid will pay an extra \$35, in addition to the standard administration payment (approximately \$40 per COVID-19 vaccine dose), for a total payment of approximately \$75 for a vaccine dose administered in a patient's home.



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### SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #182: Temporary Availability of the Hospital at Home Program

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Effective Sept. 1, 2021, the Acute Hospital Care at Home (HAH) program will be available to North Carolina hospitals that have been granted a waiver from CMS and service NC Medicaid beneficiaries.

#### **Keep NCTracks Records Current to Avoid Claims Processing Issues**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021** 

The NCTracks provider record serves as the source of truth for managed care entities.

### SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #181: NC Medicaid Accepting Requests for COVID Response Facilities

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Due to the rapid increase in COVID infection and related hospitalization occupancy, NC Medicaid is reactivating its consideration of Response Facility Designation Requests submitted by skilled nursing facilities.

# SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #180: 9th Amendment to the Public Readiness & Emergency Preparedness Act

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

NC Medicaid licensed pharmacists are authorized to order and administer REGEN-COV monoclonal antibodies and pharmacy technicians/interns may administer it, in accordance with the conditions of their licensure and/or scope of practice.

# SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #179: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

NC Medicaid is extending all current COVID-19 temporary provider rate increases through Nov. 30, 2021.

#### Reminder: NC Medicaid Managed Care Beneficiary Choice Period Ends Sept. 30, 2021

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Within the first 90 days of launch, beneficiaries can change their prepaid health plan for any reason.

# **Prepaid Health Plan Interest and Penalties for Provider Claims**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Prepaid health plans are required to pay interest and penalties to providers if they fail to accurately pay or inappropriately deny a claim.

#### NC Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update - Sept. 15, 2021

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Topics include key dates, playbook updates, prior authorization, FAQs, contracting, ombudsman, webinars and more.

# Private Duty Nursing Clinical Coverage Policy 3G-1 for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021** 

The policy is amended with the effective date of July 15, 2021

#### Prior Approval Requirements Resume for Children's Developmental Services Agency Providers

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021** 

Effective Oct. 15, 2021, CDSAs and independent practitioners providing individualized family service plan services must resume submitting PA requests.



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## **ICD-10 Annual Update Reminder**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021** 

The 2022 ICD-10 update is effective Oct. 1, 2021

# Anifrolumab-fnia Injection, for Intravenous Use (Saphnelo™) HCPCS Code J3590: Billing Guidelines TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Effective Aug. 18, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover anifrolumab-fnia injection

### North Carolina Standard & Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy Requirement

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021

Tobacco-related policy requirements go into effect on July 1, 2022.

# NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Announcements - September, 2021

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021** 

Two Months Left to Submit Program Year 2021 Attestations; Security Risk Analysis

# Interim Process for Submitting Prior Authorization Requests for Beneficiaries Disenrolled to NC Medicaid Direct

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021** 

Providers are encouraged to confirm which PA types are included in this long-term design.

#### Clinical Coverage Policy 11A-17 CAR T-Cell Therapy Revision Effective Oct. 1, 2021

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021** 

Will cover all U.S. FDA approved CAR T-Cell Therapies when administered per U.S. FDA approved guidelines

# <u>SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #178: Temporary Provisions for COVID Surge: Post-Acute PA Exceptions and Hospital at Home Program</u>

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2021

Temporary Suspension of Prior Authorization for Post-Acute Placements and Temporary Availability of the Hospital at Home Program