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

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #163: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021
NC Medicaid is extending COVID-19 temporary provider rate increases and clinical coverage policies through June 30, 2021.More

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #162: Medicaid Rate Increases for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
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

Health Equity Payment Initiative
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
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

Community Inclusion Addendum Added to Tailored Care Management Provider Manual
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
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

Healthy Opportunities Screening, Assessment and Referral Payment Claims Issue
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
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

Electronic Visit Verification Implementation for Innovations and TBI Waivers Administered by LME-MCOs
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
The implementation date of Electronic Visit Verification for LME-MCOs has been extended to June 30, 2021. More

Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
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

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #160: Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine HCPCS Code 91303 and 0031A Billing Guidelines

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