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SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2018-0010

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The affected page is Attachment 4.19-B, Section 10, page 1.


This state plan change will allow Medicaid to increase the rates for Dental codes by 10%.

This amendment is effective January 1, 2019.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Betty J. Staton at 919-527-7093.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mandy T. Cohen".

 Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

Enclosures

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

10. Dental Services:

Payments for dental services shall be equal to the lower of the submitted charge or the appropriate fee from the Dental fee schedule, in effect on or after January 1, 2019, except for payments made to the state-operated Dental Schools at the University of North Carolina and East Carolina University. Payments for dental services to the state-operated Dental Schools will be reimbursed at the amount from the fee schedule and cost settled at year end. Cost settlement for Medicaid covered services using the methodology outlined in this section shall be effective for the University of North Carolina Dental School beginning July 1, 2014 and for the East Carolina University Dental School beginning November 1, 2015.

- A. At no time shall the rate for any new dental code or any future rate increases exceed 75% of the National Dental Advisory Service (NDAS) 50% median effective July 1st, of the prior year.
- B. Fees for new services are established based on the fees for similar existing services. If there are no similar services the fee is set at 75 percent of the estimated average charge until an NDAS median is established.
- C. Fees for services deemed to be associated with adequacy of access to health care services may be increased or decreased based on administrative review. The service must be essential to the health needs of the Medicaid recipients, no other comparable treatment available and a fee adjustment must be necessary to maintain dental participation at a level adequate to meet the needs of Medicaid recipients.
- D. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the website at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedule/dental-fee-schedule>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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