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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

FROM: Dave Richard ^{DS}
Deputy Secretary for NC Medicaid

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2021-0020

DATE: December 2, 2021

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 pages are Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 12c and Attachment 4.22-B, Page 1b.

This state plan amendment will allow Medicaid to revise the North Carolina Pharmacy Point of Sale reimbursement policies and titles. This will allow North Carolina licensed pharmacists or designee (if approved and allowed by legislation and/or the Board of Pharmacy) employed by a North Carolina-registered and NC Medicaid-enrolled pharmacies or employed by a federally recognized tribe to dispense and administer vaccines, long-acting injectables, and other specific medications as per Federal and/or State legislation, and NC Medicaid Medical and Pharmacy Directors approval within the scope of their practice. All rules and regulations pertaining to training, administration, monitoring, reporting, and communicating with the medical provider must be followed as set forth by the NC Board of Pharmacy or other oversight body.

This amendment is effective October 1, 2021.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Betty J. Staton at 919-538-3215.

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6.d. Other Practitioners' Services:

Pharmacist

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Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners

North Carolina licensed and certified clinical pharmacist practitioners employed by North Carolina registered and Medicaid enrolled clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies may provide services within a scope of practice as outlined by protocol and with supervision of an actively licensed physician

- A) Criteria for Medicaid Coverage of Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Services means that the services are:
- 1) provided in accordance with the scope of practice as defined by the State Board of Pharmacy;
 - 2) performed by clinical pharmacist practitioners who are duly licensed to practice pharmacy and are approved by the Board of Pharmacy as "Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners"; and
 - 3) performed under the supervision of a physician licensed in the State of practice.
 - 4) Or, performed by pharmacists employed by a federally recognized tribe.
- B) Coverage Limitations for Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Services
Medical services must be performed in accordance with the clinical pharmacist practitioners scope of practice and signed protocols, as follows:
- 1) By Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners in practice
 - 2) For DMA approved procedures developed for use by Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners.

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12. Vaccines

Immunizing Pharmacists (means a licensed pharmacist and/or designees under State or federal law) may administer vaccinations or immunizations only if the vaccinations or immunizations are recommended or required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and any other vaccinations approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in accordance with the protocols established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Pharmacies are reimbursed for administering vaccinations or immunizations at the same rate implemented for the Physician Program under Attachment 4.19-B, Section 5, Page 1.

Pharmacies are reimbursed for vaccines at the same rate implemented for the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) under Attachment 4.19-B, Section 12, Page 2.

12. Long-Acting Injectables

An immunizing pharmacist and/or designees may administer a long-acting injectable medication or other injectable medications pursuant to a specific prescription or protocol.

Effective October 1st, 2021, Pharmacies are reimbursed for the administration of long-acting injectable medications permitted per Federal and/or State legislation, and NC Medicaid Medical and Pharmacy Directors approval within the scope of their practice at the same rate implemented for the Physician Program under Attachment 4.19-B, Section 5, Page 1.

Effective February 1st, 2022, Pharmacies are reimbursed for the administration of other medications permitted per Federal and/or State legislation, and NC Medicaid Medical and Pharmacy Directors approval within the scope of their practice at the same rate implemented for the Physician Program under Attachment 4.19-B, Section 5, Page 1.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private Pharmacy providers and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedules are published on the NC Division of Health Benefits Website.

The agency's fee schedule administration rates are effective for services provided on or after that date.

Rates are published on the website at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedules/physician-services-fee-schedules>