

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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September 15, 2023

James Scott, Director Division of Program Operations Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 601 East 12th Street Room 355 Kansas City, Missouri 64106

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment Title XIX, Social Security Act Transmittal #2023-0027

Dear Mr. Scott:

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program.

This State Plan Change will increase Medicaid Private Duty Nursing (PDN) rates to thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per 15-minute increment.

The proposed effective date of the SPA is July 01, 2023.

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.

Sincerely,

DocuSianed by: Jay Iudlam

Jay Ludlam Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE State: <u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

8. Private Duty Nursing Services (PDN)

 Private duty nursing services are reimbursed at the lower of billed customary charges or an established hourly rate. Effective October 1, 2002, this rate is adjusted annually by the percentage change in the rate for a skilled nursing visit by a home health agency.
Effective November 1, 2010, the RN rate is paid at Fee Schedule and will be billed with a code and modifier as defined in Clinical Policy, Attachment 3.1-A-1.

Effective January 1, 2022, the PDN fee schedule rate will increase to \$11.25 per 15-minute increment. Effective July 1, 2023, the PDN fee schedule rate will increase to \$13.00 per 15-minute increment.

PDN rates are published on the Division of Health Benefits website, <u>https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules</u>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

B. Effective October 1, 1993, payment for Private Duty Nursing Medical Supplies, except those related to provision and use of DME shall be reimbursed at the lower of a provider's billed customary charges or the maximum fee established for certified home health agencies. If a new item is not covered by the DME program and Medicare allowable is available, the rate will be set at the Medicare allowable amount available to the Division of Medical Assistance. Fees will be established based on average, reasonable charges if a Medicare allowable amount cannot be obtained for a particular supply item. The Medicare allowable amounts will be those amounts based on the Market Basket Index available to the Division of Medical Assistance as of July 1 of each year.

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Approval Date:

Eff. Date: 07/01/2023