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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 #2023-0040

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 amend the Medicaid State Plan Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) rate methodology effective 10/1/2023, to assign a bundled services reimbursement rate (per 1-week increment) equivalent to 100% of the Medicare fee schedule rate. This will increase the previous rate of \$221.88 approved under NC SPA 23-0006 to the current Medicare equivalent bundled rate of \$254.93.

The proposed effective date of the SPA is October 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,

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Jay Ludlam
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North CarolinaPAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

15) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) (H0020)

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Opioid Treatment. OTP services are provided by an RN, LPN, Pharmacist or MD. Services and therapies offered include: individualized assessment and treatment, person-centered and recovery focused treatment planning; individual, group, and family therapy, and counseling; medical monitoring, medication administration and preparation and distribution of take-home medications; presumptive drug screens and definitive drug tests; laboratory and diagnostic tests (pregnancy testing, tuberculosis testing); psychoeducation, and coordination of on and off-site treatment, recovery support, and medical services.

The service bundle payment unit is a weekly rate. Behavioral health providers enrolled with NC Medicaid as an Opioid Treatment Program Provider may bill the bundled service. Any provider delivering Opioid Treatment Program services through a bundle will be paid through the bundle payment rate and cannot bill separately. Medicaid Opioid Treatment Program Providers delivering separate services outside of the bundle may bill for services in accordance with the state's Medicaid billing procedures. At least one of the services included in the bundle must be provided within the weekly service payment unit to bill the bundled rate.

The agency's fee schedule rate of \$221.88 per week was set as of April 1, 2023 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Effective October 1, 2023, the agency's fee schedule rate will be set at 100% of the Medicare fee schedule rate. The fee schedule is published on the agency's website at https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules.

This service will be provided by direct enrolled Medicaid providers who may be either private or governmental. This service is not cost settled for any provider.

I.H.S. (Indian Health Services) shall be reimbursed at the federally established OMB/AIR (all Inclusive rate) outpatient rate for OTP Program services.

NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service. The State will periodically monitor the actual provision of services paid under a bundled rate through the PHPs and PIHPs to ensure that beneficiaries receive the types, quantity, and intensity of services required to meet their medical needs and to ensure that the rates remain economic and efficient based on the services that are provided as part of the bundle.

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Approval Date:

Effective Date: 10/01/2023