



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 12, 2024

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 #2024-0007

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 to apply rate increases defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Outpatient Behavioral Health psychiatric services:

**Increase to 100% of Medicare**

- Office visit E&M codes - Psychiatrists and Psychiatric NPs (99201-99255, 99304- 99337, 99341-99350)

**Increase to 120% of Medicare**

- Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (90791-90792)

The proposed effective date of the SPA is January 01, 2024.

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,

DocuSigned by:  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Ludlam".  
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Jay Ludlam  
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

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39) Office Visit / Evaluation & Management - Psychiatrists and Psychiatric NPs (99201-99255, 99304-99337, 99341-99350)

The agency's fee schedule rate was set on January 1, 2024, based on 100% of the 2023 Medicare rate, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Rates are based on the appropriate behavioral health provider type. The provider type fee schedules are published on the NC Division of Health Benefits website at [https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee\\_schedules](https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules).

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Office Visits / Evaluation & Management.

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.

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider, the rate of reimbursement shall be the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) established on an annual basis as published in the Federal Register.

In the event this service is operated by a 638 Compact or Indian Health Service Provider and is not covered under the criteria to receive the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), the provider is subject to the NC Medicaid Fee Schedule or other agreed upon rate(s) by the payor.

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40) Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (90791-90792)

The agency's fee schedule rate was set on January 1, 2024, based on 120% of the 2023 Medicare rate, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Rates are based on the appropriate behavioral health provider type. The provider type fee schedules are published on the NC Division of Health Benefits website at [https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee\\_schedules](https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules).

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation.

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.

The facilities providing this service are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service.

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