




NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Ludlam 

FROM: Ashley Blango, SPA Manager

RE: State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2025-0025

Purpose

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (**Vaccine Coverage**) summarized below, and submitted on September 19, 2025, with a due date of September 19, 2025.

Clearance

This amendment has been reviewed for both accuracy and completeness by:

Ashley Blango, Kathryn Horneffer, Todd Baustert, Tabitha Evans, Adam Levinson, Melanie Bush

Background and Summary of Request

It is recommended that you sign this State Plan Amendment submission per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) protocol as head of the Single State Agency administering the Medicaid program.

The purpose of the revisions to the State Plan Amendment is to update the 13. c Preventive Services section and Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Service to add additional resources for evidence-based vaccines recommendations.

The proposed effective date for the SPA is September 20, 2025.

Your approval of this State Plan Amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 919-812-6145.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Preventive Services

State/Territory: North Carolina

13. c Preventive Services

In addition to services contained in other sections of this document, North Carolina Medicaid covers all vaccines and vaccine administrations that are recommended for adults by the ACIP, FDA, and/or at the discretion of the State Agency when relying on another governing body or professional organization that provides evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration. The state has methods to ensure that its coverage and billing codes of approved vaccines and their administration are updated as necessary to reflect changes to ACIP, FDA recommendations, and/or, at the State Agency's discretion, another governing body or professional organizations(s) that provide(s) evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration. The state also assures that changes to vaccines covered by the State Agency pursuant to ACIP recommendations, FDA recommendations, and/or recommendations from another governing body or professional organization that provides evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration, at the discretion of the State Agency, will be incorporated into coverage and billing codes as necessary.

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PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

12. Vaccines

Immunizing Pharmacists (means a licensed pharmacist and/or designees under State or federal law) may administer vaccinations or immunizations if the vaccinations or immunizations are recommended or required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the vaccinations are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in accordance with the protocols established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; and/or the vaccination is one the State Agency covers in reliance on the recommendation of another governing body or professional organization that provides evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration and is administered in accordance with the immunizing pharmacist's scope of practice.

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 recommended or required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; vaccinations approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration administered in accordance with the protocols established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; the vaccination is one the State Agency covers in reliance on the recommendation of another governing body or professional organization that provides evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration which are not provided free of charge or paid for by other parties; and/or vaccines the State Agency covers in reliance on the recommendation of another governing body or professional organization that provides evidence-based recommendations for vaccine administration, at the same rate implemented for the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) under Attachment 4.19-B, Section 12, Page 2.

Indian health care provider (means a health care program operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS) or by an Indian Tribe, Tribal, or Urban Indian will be reimbursed for covered outpatient drugs using the ingredient reimbursement methodology located in Attachment 4.19-B, Section 12, Pages 1a.2(h) and 1a.2a(h)., excluding vaccines and immunizations.

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.

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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://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules.

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