

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

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11) Peer Support Services

Payment for Peer Support Services is based on a 15 minute unit of service. This service is provided in accordance with Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.7-B, section 13 D, paragraph (ix).

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Peer Support Services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2010 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/fee/fee.htm>.

The reimbursement rates are established utilizing cost modeling. Based on input from providers and compared to national data, the cost model recognizes direct care service costs for staff salaries and related fringe benefits, program-related expenses, supervision costs, provider overhead, and productivity.

The cost model based the direct care service costs for staff salaries and related fringe benefits on a compensation survey conducted to determine typical salaries for the provider qualification. These numbers were regionalized through provider input.

Program-related expenses (include supplies, travel and other items that assist the direct care delivery of the program) are allowed at 3.5% based on an average across all providers.

Facility overhead costs are recognized at 10% of total direct care service costs. The 10% was determined through a market analysis of provider overhead costs and adjusted for reasonable expectations, utilization and service comparisons.

Productivity was determined utilizing provider input and supported by national studies.

The facilities providing these services are not IMD facilities and NC Medicaid is not reimbursing Room and Board for this service.

Annual cost reporting will continue to be required of providers who provide mental health services as outlined in attachment 4.19-B, Section 13, Page 2, paragraph (E) and (F).

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