

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

Payment for Medical Equipment:

SFY 2003 – No adjustment.

SFY 2004 – No adjustment for Durable Medical Equipment effective August 1, 2003.

SFY 2005 and 2006 – No rate increase from the June 30, 2005 rate for all Medicaid private and public providers with the following exceptions: federally qualified health clinics, rural health centers, state institutions, outpatient hospital, pharmacy and the non-inflationary components of the case-mix reimbursement system for nursing facilities.

NC General Assembly legislation mandates that effective July 1, 2005, reimbursement rates for Medical Equipment for the state fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will remain at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2005 except Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current year's downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

SFY 2010 – The rates for SFY 2010 are frozen as of the rates in effect at July 1, 2009, except Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current year's downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule. Effective October 1, 2009, an overall rate adjustment of -4.16% was applied to the existing rates. There will be no further annual adjustment.

SFY 2011 – For SFY 2011, the rate will be frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2010.

SFY 2012 – Rates will be frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2011. Effective October 1, 2011, existing rates are adjusted by a negative 2.66% to yield a twelve (12) month two percent (2%) reduction in the nine (9) remaining months of this State Fiscal Year.

SFY 2013 – Effective July 1, 2012, the rates will be adjusted such that they will equal 98% of the rate in effect July 1, 2011. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year except that Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

Reference: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 7, Page 4

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