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Maggie Anderson, Medicaid Director
Division of Medical Services
North Dakota Department of Human Services
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

RE: North Dakota #17-0015

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have reviewed the State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 17-0015. This amendment will implement a rate increase for ambulance services.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved September 5, 2017 with an effective date of July 1, 2017. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, North Dakota should follow the CMS- 64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

This amendment will affect expenditures reported on the Form CMS-64.9 Base: Line 49, Other Care Services.

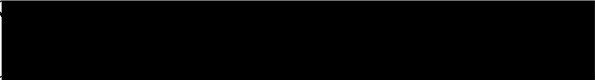

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Kirstin Michel at (303) 844-7036.

Sincerely,



Barbara B. Prehmus
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Melissa Rosales

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-0015	2. STATE North Dakota
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2017	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447.201		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY <u>2017</u> \$ <u>78,125</u> b. FFY <u>2018</u> \$ <u>312,500</u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Amends the North Dakota State Plan to implement an increase to the ambulance fee schedule.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <u>Maggie D. Anderson, Director,</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <u>Medical Services Division</u>			
12. SIGNATURE: 	16. RETURN TO: Maggie D. Anderson, Director Medical Services Division ND Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept 325 Bismarck ND 58505-0250		
13. TYPED NAME: Maggie D. Anderson			
14. TITLE: Director, Medical Services Division			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: August 29, 2017			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: August 29, 2017	18. DATE APPROVED: September 5 2017		
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2017	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 		
21. TYPED NAME: Barbara B. Prehmus	22. TITLE: Acting ARA, DMCHO		
23. REMARKS:			

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE

- 12) Unless otherwise noted, non-emergency medical transportation providers will be paid the lower of billed charges or the Medicaid fee schedule established by the state agency. North Dakota Medicaid providers will receive a three percent inflationary increase in reimbursement effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, as authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly.
- (a) Transportation by common carrier will be reimbursed at the going rate or fare established for the general public.
- (b) Private individual transportation providers, when utilized by a third party to provide transportation to a Medicaid recipient, will be paid the lower of billed charges or the Medicaid fee schedule established by the state agency, not to exceed the mileage rate established by the state legislature.
- (c) The payment for meals necessary for recipients and attendants cannot exceed the amount allowed for state employees while traveling in the state of North Dakota. The payment for necessary lodging for recipients and attendants traveling within North Dakota cannot exceed the amount allowed for state employees. The payment for necessary lodging for recipients and attendants traveling outside of North Dakota will be limited by a maximum established by the single state agency. Payment for meals and lodging will be made to providers specifically enrolled to provide meals and lodging.
- 13) Ambulance services will be paid at the lower of actual billed charges or the fee schedule established by the state agency. The agency's fee schedule was set as of July 1, 2017 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.
- 14) For family planning services, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or according to the fee schedule established by the state agency. Family planning services will receive a three percent inflationary increase in reimbursement effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, as authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly.
- 15) Home Health Agency services include the following services: nursing care, home health aide services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology or audiology services, and supplies. Reimbursement will be on a per visit basis and will be at the lowest of the billed charge or maximum allowable charge established by the State. North Dakota Medicaid providers will receive a three percent inflationary increase in reimbursement effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, as authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly.
- 16) North Dakota reimburses for all Hospice services specified by Medicare in regulation using the Medicaid rates and geographic formula published on an annual basis by CMS. Medicaid Hospice providers that fail to comply with quality data submission requirements during each fiscal year will not have their market basket update reduced by two percentage points.
- 17) Nurse-Midwife services will be paid at the 85% level of the payment made for covered pre-natal, delivery and postpartum services provided by physicians, i.e., the lower of actual charge or 85% of the allowable amount established by the state agency for payment of physician services. North Dakota Medicaid providers will receive a three percent inflationary increase in reimbursement effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, as authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly.