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September 19, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Knapp:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 19-0005. This amendment provides a rate increase for physical, occupational, and speech therapy services that allows these services to be paid based on the professional fee schedule.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2019. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).


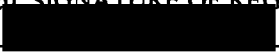
If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Kirstin Michel at (303) 844-7036.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Allen
Director, Western Regional Operations Group
Denver Regional Office
Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services

cc: Krista Fremming, North Dakota
Stacey Koehly, North Dakota

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 19-0005	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, 2019	
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>2019</u> \$ <u>137,000</u> b. FFY <u>2020</u> \$ <u>820,500</u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1a		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1a	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Amends the North Dakota State Plan to implement a rate increase to the fee schedule for physical, occupational and speech therapy.			
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>Erik Elkins, Assistant Director</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <u>Medical Services Division</u>			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Erik Elkins, Assistant Director Medical Services Division ND Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept 325 Bismarck ND 58505-0250	
13. TYPED NAME: Erik Elkins			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director, Medical Services Division			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 8/23/19			
17. DATE RECEIVED: August 23, 2019			
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17. DATE RECEIVED: August 23, 2019		18. DATE APPROVED: September 19, 2019	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2019		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE: Director, WROG	
23. REMARKS:			

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

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- 4) For x-ray services, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or 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.
- 5) For prosthetic devices, medical equipment, supplies and appliances, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or 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. For DMEPOS items associated with Section 1903(i)(27) of the Social Security Act, amended by Section 5002 of the 21st Century Cures Act, and identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as covered by Medicare, Medicaid will pay the lower of the following: (1) The Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule rate for North Dakota geographic, non-rural areas, set as of January 1 of each year which will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and updated as needed; or (2) The provider's billed charges.
- 6) For services paid from the North Dakota Professional Services Fee Schedule, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or fee schedule established by the state agency. North Dakota Medicaid providers paid from the North Dakota Professional Services Fee Schedule received 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. The agency's posted fee schedule is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016. The posted fee schedule accounts for annual cost neutral adjustments to the North Dakota Medicaid conversion factor made to reflect updates to the Medicare RVUs and utilization changes.
 - a. For services rendered by licensed or registered pharmacists, the lower of billed charges or the fee schedule established by the state agency.
- 7) For optometrists, chiropractors, dentists and dentures, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or Medicaid fee 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. Effective for dates of service on or after October 10, 2017, reimbursement for dental sealants and fluoride varnish provided in a school setting by dental hygienists employed by the North Dakota Department of Health (Department) are based on the cost of delivery of services on a prospective basis as determined by the single state Medicaid agency from cost data submitted annually by the Department. The rate components include dental hygienist and administrative salaries, supplies, and overhead. The Department will be notified of the rate via letter and/or email correspondence.
- 8) For private duty nursing, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or the established fee as determined 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.
- 9) Effective July 1, 2019, for physical, occupational and speech therapy, payment will be the lower of billed charges or reimbursement under Attachment 4.19-B, Methods and Standard for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care (continued), item 6.
- 10) For services rendered by enrolled providers via telemedicine; payment for the telemedicine connectivity code will be the lower of billed charges or the fee 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.
- 11) For eyeglasses, Medicaid will pay the lower of billed charges or the rate established by the state agency competitive bidding process. North Dakota meets the certification requirements of Section 1902(a)(23) of the Social Security Act to permit the selection of one or more providers, through a competitive bidding process, to deliver eyeglasses on a statewide basis under the authority of Section 1915(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 431.54(d).