

Public Notice ND Medicaid Program

The Department of Human Services will be amending its Medicaid State Plan in accordance with Section 2702 of The Affordable Care Act to implement payment adjustments for hospital acquired conditions. The change will be effective January 1, 2012 and the financial impact is unknown.

The Medicaid State Plan is being amended to include the change to the Resource Utilization Group (RUG) IV classification grouping which has 48 classifications. The State had previously used RUG III classification grouping which has 34 classifications. The estimated impact for this change is zero dollars. This change is effective January 1, 2012.

The Medicaid State Plan is being amended to provide clarification regarding unallowable costs, recordkeeping and cost allocation for vehicles not used exclusively for resident-related activities, and allowable costs for a facility acquired through a purchase of shares. The estimated impact of these changes is zero dollars.

The Medicaid State Plan is also being amended to change the allowable education expense limit to \$3,750; provide a three percent increase to the limits for nursing facility rates; provide a three percent inflationary cost increase for all Nursing Facility Services; and to identify salaries accrued at a facility's yearend but not paid within 75 days of the cost report yearend as an unallowable cost. These increases are effective January 1, 2012. The estimated cost for these increases is \$6.2 million for 12 months, of which approximately \$2.8 million will be state general funds.

Fee schedules for services are on the Department of Human Services web site at:
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider-fee-schedules.html>

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to the local county social service office, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.