

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Dakota Medicaid Program

Effective on or after November 1, 2012, The Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division will be amending the Medicaid State Plan to include services received by Medicaid recipients in a birthing center. There is no estimated cost impact for these changes.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Medicaid State Plan will be amended to rebase the limits for nursing facility rates. In addition, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a three percent inflationary increase for all Nursing Facility services. The estimated cost for the combination of these increases is \$11.5 million for twelve months.

Effective January 1, 2013, inpatient and outpatient hospital claims will require a vendor's invoice, based on an established monetary threshold. The Medicaid State Plan will be amended to include 1) for inpatient claims, billed charges over \$15,000.00 for revenue code 278 will require a vendor's invoice to support supplies used that correspond to the services rendered and 2) for outpatient hospital claims, billed charges over \$3,000.00 for revenue code 278 will require a vendor's invoice to support supplies used that correspond to the services rendered. A copy of the complete policy is posted on the Department's website. There is no expected cost impact for these changes.

Effective January 1, 2013, North Dakota Medicaid will implement lab panel edits for processing professional claims. Per Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), when a lab panel is billed, all components of the lab panel must have been performed; and the CPT® codes within the lab panel cannot be billed separately. If other laboratory tests are performed in conjunction with the lab panel, those tests may be billed in addition to the lab panel. The cost impact of implementing this edit is unknown.

Effective on or after January 1, 2013, in-state prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals will be reimbursed using all patient refined diagnosis related groups (APR-DRG). There is no expected cost impact for the twelve month period.

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.