



Public Notice

ND Medicaid Program

Most North Dakota Medicaid providers (listed below) will receive a three percent inflationary increase in reimbursement effective for dates of services July 1, 2015 as authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The three percent inflationary increase is estimated to cost \$15.7 million for a 12-month period.

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>

The following Medicaid providers/services are provided an inflationary increase.

- Home Health Services
- Chiropractic Services
- Providers of Services through the ND 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers
- Rehabilitative Services
- Personal Care Services (Community Services and Basic Care Facilities)
- Intermediate Care Facilities
- Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers
- Anesthesia
- Ambulance Services
- Clinic Services
- Targeted Case Management Services
- Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers using an Alternate Payment Methodology
- Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services (PPS, Per Diem, and Long-Term Care)
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Providers reimbursed from the Professional Services Fee Schedule
- Dental Services
- Vaccine Administrations

In addition to the above inflationary increases, there will also be the following provider rate changes, effective on or after July 1, 2015:

The Medicaid Fee schedule will be increased by a volume weighted average of approximately 13% for ambulance services. This increase was approved by the 2015 Legislative Assembly to ensure continued access to ambulance services and is estimated to cost \$1.25 million for the 24-months of the biennium.

The Medicaid Fee schedule will be increased by a volume weighted average of approximately 21% for services provided by physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists. This increase was approved by the 2015 Legislative Assembly to ensure continued access to physical, occupational, and speech therapy services and is estimated to cost \$2.96 million for the 24-months of the biennium.

An increase in the per-bed property limit for nursing facilities is estimated to cost \$139,500 for the 12-month period.

A change in the offset to cost of sales tax revenue for nursing facilities is estimated to cost \$14,000 for the 12-month period.

A change in the reporting of allowable education expenses for nursing facilities is estimated to cost \$32,500 for the 12-month period.

On or after July 1, 2015, an increase in the limit for personal care provided by a residential provider is estimated to cost \$62,000 for a 12-month period.

North Dakota Medicaid follows the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits. These edits were developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Correct Procedure Terminology Manual, national and local policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices and a review of current coding practices. CMS annually updates the National Correct Coding Initiative Coding Policy Manual.

On or after July 1, 2015, North Dakota Medicaid is expecting to add two new dental codes for coverage. The codes are D0190 Screening of a patient and D0191 Assessment of a patient. The estimated cost to cover these two new codes cannot be determined.

On or after July 1, 2015, the Department plans to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to allow for collection of supplemental drug rebates. The 2015 legislature passed legislation allowing the department to join a multi-state drug rebate pool. The estimated savings to the Medicaid program for this change for a 12-month period is \$950,000.

On or after July 1, 2015, the Department plans to submit updates to state plans for Targeted Case Management for the following targeted groups: Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness, Individuals with a Serious Emotional Disturbance, Children in Alternative Care and Children in Protective Services. Fee schedule changes are not anticipated with these updates.

An increase in the capitated monthly rate paid for the Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) is estimated to cost \$432,000 for the 12-month period.

An increase in the capitated monthly rate paid for the Medicaid Expansion program is estimated to cost \$25.7 million for the 12-month period.

North Dakota Medicaid providers of services to individuals with Developmental Disabilities will receive rate enhancements, which includes those authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The rate enhancements are estimated to cost \$4.7 million for a 12-month period. The rate enhancements are a result of six different funding targets identified by the Legislative Assembly to receive additional funding. The six areas are: (1)

Children with Intense Medical Needs, (2) Children with Challenging Behavioral Needs, (3) Children who are Severely Medically Fragile, (4) Individuals residing in Family Homes with Intense Medical Needs, (5) Individuals residing in Adult Residential settings with Intense Medical Needs, and (6) Providers who serve clients with Critical Needs.

A supplemental payment will be continued for critical access hospitals; the estimated cost is \$1 million for the 12-month period.

Effective on or after October 1, 2015 the North Dakota Medicaid program will allow physician assistants to serve as primary care providers. There is no expected cost for this change.

Effective on or after August 1, 2015, North Dakota Medicaid expects to amend the State Plan for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). The amendment will allow for additional behavioral health service practitioners to provide Medicaid-funded behavioral health services within the encounter rate paid to the FQHC. The Department is unable to estimate a cost for this change.

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.