



Public Notice

ND Medicaid Program

The Medicaid State Plan will be amended, effective on or after October 1, 2016 to modify the outpatient drug reimbursement methodology to comply with new federal requirements to reimburse outpatient drugs at actual acquisition costs. Also, to comply with new federal requirements for dispensing fees, pharmacies will now receive a professional dispensing fee of \$12.46 as supported by a recent cost of dispensing survey performed by the Department of Human Services. The specific algorithm to reimburse at actual acquisition cost is available at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html. This change in outpatient drug reimbursement methodology is estimated to save \$312,000 for a 12-month period.

The Medicaid State Plan will also be amended, effective on or after January 1, 2017 to allow the state to collect supplemental rebates on covered outpatient drugs paid by Medicaid managed care organizations. This will increase the collection of drug rebates and is estimated to save \$512,000 for a 12-month period.

To comply with federal requirements for coverage under Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program, effective on or after November 1, 2016, the Medicaid State Plan is being amended to add the autism-specific services. The estimated cost for a 12-month period is \$9.6 million.

The Medicaid State Plan will be amended, effective on or after November 1, 2016 to remove existing service limits for physical, occupational and speech therapy for individuals under age 21. This change is expected to have minimal impact for a 12-month period as currently services in excess of the limits are rarely denied for children.

As a result of 2015 Senate Bill 2043, effective on or after January 1, 2017, North Dakota Medicaid will be amending the Medicaid State Plan and enrolling community paramedics. Community paramedic services will be limited to vaccinations and immunizations. There are no expected cost increases for a 12-month period as community paramedics will be reimbursed the same rate as current providers and this change will only expand the available providers to provide this service.

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.

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