

Public Notice

ND Medicaid Program

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, ND Medicaid will be using the newly available Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for Adaptive Behavior Services. The codes will replace the previous codes used for Applied Behavioral Analysis for services provided to children with an autism spectrum disorder. In addition to cross-walking the current codes to the new CPT codes, ND Medicaid will also add coverage for group therapy administered by a technician. The estimated impact for a 12-month impact is \$88,000.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, ND Medicaid will be increasing the rate paid for T1030 - RN services provided in the home and T1031 - LPN services in the home per diem. This change is being made to encourage local public health units providing services in a home to further support home and community-based services. The estimated impact for a 12-month period is minimal.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, ND Medicaid will update the payment rate for lodging to the amount established for the month of January 2019 by the General Services Administration. The estimated impact for a 12-month period is less than \$50,000.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, ND Medicaid has updated the code used for stretcher van transportation mileage. The code used for dates of service prior to January 1, 2019 is S0215. That code (S0215) will be replaced with code T2049. Code T2049 must be used for stretcher van mileage effective for dates of service January 1, 2019 and after. There is no fiscal impact for this change.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, taxi providers will be allowed to bill S0215 in conjunction with the A0100, if authorized by the county. The S0215 is a per mile code for miles in excess of 15 miles one way. The rate for code S0215 will be \$0.53 per loaded mile. The estimated impact for a 12-month period is approximately \$15,000.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, ND Medicaid will amend the state plan to change the number of days of medication that can be dispensed for Medicaid recipients for certain prescription drugs. ND Medicaid will allow up to a 100-day supply for certain drugs that are typically used at steady dosages; and are determined to be priced such that cost efficiencies can be gained by dispensing the drugs once every three months. At the peak of the operationalization of this program, savings would be \$400,000 per year. For the first 12-month period, savings are estimated to be \$50,000.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, rates for Medicaid-eligible individuals residing in nursing facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities will be adjusted, based on cost reports submitted by the facilities within the current rate methodology. The estimated impact for a 12-month period is \$3.63 million.

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ND 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.

Fee schedules for services are on the Department of Human Services website 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.

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