

Public Notice ND Medicaid Program

Effective on or after October 1, 2018, North Dakota Medicaid intends to submit a state plan amendment that will develop a payment methodology for services provided to individuals under twenty-one years of age receiving services in a licensed intermediate care facility. The individuals will be required to meet a secondary level of need based on state-established criteria. The estimate impact for a 12-month period is \$1 million.

Effective on or after October 1, 2018, North Dakota Medicaid intends to submit a state plan amendment to remove reference to Revenue Code 278 within inpatient and outpatient hospital payment methodology. The methodology was added after consultation with a similar-sized state; however, the policy has not resulted in savings that compensate for the administrative burden for providers as well as the single state Medicaid agency. The estimated cost of this change is \$375,000 for the 12-month period.

Effective on or after October 1, 2018, North Dakota Medicaid intends to submit a state plan amendment to reflect that annually, effective July 1 of each year, the Department will recalculate the number of licensed intermediate care facility beds and provide the information to the North Dakota Tax Department. Based on the number of beds, the amount of assessment paid by the intermediate care facilities may increase or decrease; and such increase or decrease will be reflected in the daily rate paid to the private intermediate care facilities. For State Fiscal Year 2019, the assessment amount was lower than the previous State Fiscal Year.

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 polices 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.