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To: North Dakota Medicaid Providers Billing Emergency Room Services in an Outpatient Hospital Emergency Room Setting

From: Maggie D. Anderson, Director, Medical Services Division *M. Anderson*

Subject: Copayment Amounts Charged for Non-emergency Services Furnished in a Hospital Emergency Room

Because of a change in policy at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective for dates of service **May 25, 2010** and after, the copayment amount that providers will be able to charge to applicable Medicaid recipients for non-emergency services furnished in a hospital Emergency Room (ER) will be **\$3.00**. The previous copayment amount for applicable Medicaid recipients for non-emergency services furnished in a hospital ER was \$6.00. For dates of service prior to May 25, 2010, the \$6.00 copay will still apply when applicable.

Those services for applicable Medicaid recipients that are deemed as elective or urgent on the ER billing statement will be assessed a \$3.00 copayment. The policy regarding true emergencies has not changed. True emergencies will not be assessed a copayment.

Certain Medicaid recipients are exempt from copayments. These recipients would include individuals under 21 years of age, pregnant women, institutionalized individuals, and individuals receiving services in Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities or through referrals for Contract Health Services. The \$3.00 copayment would not be assessed to these Medicaid recipients.

Please note that because you may choose to collect recipient copayments at the time of service, for dates of service on, or after, May 25, 2010, the copayment amount to collect would be \$3.00. To make certain you are billing the correct copayment amount, and that a copayment would apply to the service, you may want to wait until the bill is processed through the Medicaid claims payment system. The copayment amount to collect will then show up on your remittance advice. Copayments applied to Medicaid recipients are automatically deducted and shown on the remittance advice.

If your office has questions, please contact North Dakota Medicaid Provider Relations at (701) 328-4043 or (800) 755-2604.