

ND Medicaid Program

This public notice is a clarification to the State Plan changes for a two percent provider inflationary increase which are expected to increase Medicaid expenditures effective for dates of services July 1, 2019. The increase was authorized and the funds for the increase were appropriated by the 2019 Legislative Assembly.

The following services are paid from the North Dakota Medicaid Fee Schedules. 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>

- Laboratory and X-ray Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$88,000 for a 12-month period.
- Physician and Other Practitioner Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$1.8 million for a 12-month period.
- Ambulance Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$180,000 for a 12-month period.
- Anesthesia Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$45,000 for a 12-month period.
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$3,000 for a 12-month period.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Services provided under EPSDT. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$73,000 for a 12-month period.
- Chiropractic Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$33,000 for a 12-month period.
- Diagnostic, Screening and Preventive services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$1,000 for a 12-month period.
- Family Planning Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$38,000 for a 12-month period.
- Non-emergency Medical Transportation Services (except for private vehicle mileage and lodging). Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$35,000 for a 12-month period.
- Nurse Midwife Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$3,000 for a 12-month period.
- Nurse Practitioner Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$80,000 for a 12-month period.
- Nursing Services provided by Registered Nurses who are either employed by or under contract through a school. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$1,000 for a 12-month period.
- Optometric Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$100,000 for a 12-month period.

- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy services, Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$250,000 for a 12-month period.
- Private Duty Nursing Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$30,000 for a 12-month period.
- Rehabilitative Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$65,000 for a 12-month period.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$35,000 for a 12-month period.
- Payment for Telemeconnectivity Code. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$2,000 for a 12-month period.
- Vaccine Administration. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$23,000 for a 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services are estimated to increase \$5 million for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Intermediate Care Facility Services are expected to increase \$3.7 million for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Dental Services are estimated to increase \$500,000 for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Personal Care Services (Community Services and Basic Care Facilities) are estimated to increase \$1 million for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Targeted Case Management Services are estimated to increase \$20,000 for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Home Health Services are estimated to increase \$68,000 for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Rural Health Clinics services paid using an Alternate Payment Methodology are estimated to increase \$105,000 for the 12-month period.

Medicaid expenditures for Durable Medical Equipment (except for those services impacted by Section 5002 of the 21st Century Cures Act) are estimated to increase \$225,000 for the 12-month period.

In accordance with state plan authority, payment for clinic services, targeted case management and rehabilitative services provided by state-government providers is based on the cost of delivery of the service. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2019, the estimated cost of delivery of the services is expected to increase by no more than 2.6%, in the aggregate. Medicaid expenditures for these services are estimated to increase approximately \$1.5 million for the 12-month period.

Effective on or after October 1, 2019, in accordance with existing Medicaid state plan authority, annual cost information will be collected from dental clinic providers. Medicaid expenditures for these services are estimated to have a minimal fiscal impact for the 12-month period.

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.

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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