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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

January 19, 2017

Mr. Dave Richard
Deputy Secretary
Division of Medical Assistance
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2501

Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC 14-0027

Dear Mr. Richard:

We reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 14-0027 (Nurse Practitioner) that was submitted to CMS on September 30, 2014. This amendment originally proposed implementing a 1 percent rate reduction and rate freeze for subsequent years. After intensive collaboration with CMS, the State removed the 1 percent rate reduction and revised the SPA pages to clarify that this program will be reimbursed via the North Carolina Medicaid fee schedule in effect at a given point in time.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 14-0027. This SPA was approved on January 19, 2017. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2015. We are enclosing the signed paper-based HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Michelle White at (404) 562-7328, or Donald Graves at 919-828-2999.

Sincerely,

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Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-027	2. STATE NC
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2015	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447.201		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2015 (\$1,096,332) b. FFY 2016 (\$1,461,776)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 3, Pages 1g		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 3, Pages 1g	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Nurse Practitioners			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Secretary			
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED			
<input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: //s//		16. RETURN TO: Office of the Secretary Department of Health and Human Services 2001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-20014	
13. TYPED NAME: Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.			
14. TITLE: Secretary			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 09/18/14			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 09/30/14		18. DATE APPROVED: 01/19/17	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 01/01/15		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: //s//	
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns	
23. REMARKS: Approved with the following changes to block # 7, 8 and 9. Block # 7 changed to read: 7a FFY2015 (\$0) and 7b FFY 2016 (\$0). Block # 8 changed to read: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 6, page 1c and Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 3, page 1g. Block # 9 changed to read: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 6, page 1c and Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 3, page 1g			

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance
State: NORTH CAROLINA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law:

Chiropractic Services, Podiatry Services, Optometry Services, Nurse Practitioner Services, Independent Practitioner Services and Other Licensed Practitioner Services.

d. Nurse Practitioner Services:

(1) Payments for Nurse Practitioner Services covered under Attachment 3.1-A.1 are equal to the lower of the submitted charge or the appropriate fee from the North Carolina Medicaid Nurse Practitioner Services Fee Schedule. The agency's rates were set as of January 1, 2014 and are effective on or after that date. All rates are published on the website at <https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedules>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

Effective January 1, 2014, rates for new Nurse Practitioner Services shall be set at 100 % percent of North Carolinas' Medicaid Physician Services Fee Schedule.

(2) Enhanced Payments for Pregnancy Medical Home Services will be made to licensed nurse practitioners for services provided by a Pregnancy Medical Home provider as specified in Attachment 3.1-B, Page 7(a) and Attachment 3.1-F. Reimbursement will be as described in Attachment 4.19-B Section 5, Page 4 of the State Plan. There shall be no cost settlement for any provider in any setting for these services reimbursed at the enhanced rates

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

Payment for Nurse Practitioner Services:

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Approval Date: 01/19/17

Eff. Date: 01/01/2015