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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
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Chicago, Illinois 60601



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**Financial Management Group**

June 15, 2022

Mr. Dave Richard  
Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Medicaid  
Division of Health Benefits  
NC Department of Health and Human Services  
1985 Umstead Drive  
2501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2501

Re: North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0003

Dear Mr. Richard:

We have reviewed the proposed North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0003 which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 29, 2022. This plan amendment will increase the percentage used to calculate rates for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Services to 100% of North Carolinas' Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2022. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Moe Wolf at 410-786-9291 or [Moshe.Wolf@CMS.HHS.gov](mailto:Moshe.Wolf@CMS.HHS.gov).

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 2 — 0 0 0 3

2. STATE

NC

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX

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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR §447.201

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 22 \$ 0

b. FFY 23 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if Applicable)

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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Services (CRNA)

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Secretary

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TITLE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

15. RETURN TO

Office of the Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
2001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-20014

12. TYPED NAME

Kody H. Kinsley

13. TITLE

Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

March 29, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED

June 15, 2022

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillon

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director

22. REMARKS

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

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

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B. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Services (CRNA's).

Payments for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist 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 CRNA 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 <http://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 CRNA's rates shall be set at 98% percent of North Carolinas' Medicaid Physician Services Fee Schedule.

Effective January 1, 2022, rates for new CRNA's rates shall be set at 100% percent of North Carolinas' Medicaid Physician Services Fee Schedule.

C. Anesthesiologist Assistant Services.

Effective, January 1, 2014, fees for anesthesiologist assistants (AAs) are established at 50% of Anesthesiologist rates for DMA approved procedures (CPT and HCPCS). Anesthesiologists are reimbursed the same as physician services, which are based on the current Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule. Covered Medicaid services are described in Attachment 3.1-A.1.

The Division of Medical Assistance rates were set as of January 1, 2014 and are effective on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website, <http://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.