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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: NC-23-0006

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
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Financial Management Group

June 6, 2023

Jay Ludlam
Assistant Secretary for Medicaid
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Medicaid Department of Health
and Human Services
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-20014

RE: NC-23-0006

Dear Assistant Secretary Ludlam,

We have reviewed the proposed North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, Section 13, Page 15 which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 10, 2023. This State Plan change will allow Medicaid to reimburse for Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services provided to individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder. OTP services are being revised to allow for a bundled payment consistent with Medicare rates that utilizes an integrated service model that includes medication, medication administration, counseling, laboratory tests and case management services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of April 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Ysabel Gavino at maria.gavino@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 <u>2 3</u> — <u>0 0 0 6</u>	2. STATE <u>NC</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <u>April 01, 2023</u>	
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>23</u> \$ <u>6,060,045</u> b. FFY <u>24</u> \$ <u>10,854,059</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT <u>Attachment 4.19-B, Section 13, Page 15 and Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.9</u>	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) <u>Attachment 4.19-B, Section 13, Page 15 and Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.9</u>

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

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
1905(a)(29)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

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

TE AGENCY OFFICIAL
[Redacted]

12. TYPED NAME
Jay Ludlam

13. TITLE
Assistant Secretary for Medicaid

14. DATE SUBMITTED
02/26/23 | 11:10 AM EST

15. RETURN TO
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Medicaid
Department of Health and Human Services
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-20014

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16. DATE RECEIVED <u>03/10/2023</u>	17. DATE APPROVED <u>June 6, 2023</u>
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL <u>April 01, 2023</u>	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL <u>[Redacted]</u>
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20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS
Pen and Ink change approved by State of NC on May 9, 2023 and processed by CMS on the following fields:
CMS 179
Box 7: removed "and Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.9"
Box 8: removed "and Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 15a.9"

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State: North Carolina

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

15) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) (H0020)

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Opioid Treatment. OTP services are provided by an RN, LPN, Pharmacist or MD. Services and therapies offered include: individualized assessment and treatment, person-centered and recovery focused treatment planning; individual, group, and family therapy, and counseling; medical monitoring, medication administration and preparation and distribution of take-home medications; presumptive drug screens and definitive drug tests; laboratory and diagnostic tests (pregnancy testing, tuberculosis testing); psychoeducation, and coordination of on and off-site treatment, recovery support, and medical services.

The service bundle payment unit is a weekly rate. Behavioral health providers enrolled with NC Medicaid as an Opioid Treatment Program Provider may bill the bundled service. Any provider delivering Opioid Treatment Program services through a bundle will be paid through the bundle payment rate and cannot bill separately. Medicaid Opioid Treatment Program Providers delivering separate services outside of the bundle may bill for services in accordance with the state's Medicaid billing procedures. At least one of the services included in the bundle must be provided within the weekly service payment unit to bill the bundled rate.

The agency's fee schedule rate of \$221.88 per week was set as of April 1, 2023 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule is published on the agency's website at https://ncdhhs.servicenowservices.com/fee_schedules.

This service will be provided by direct enrolled Medicaid providers who may be either private or governmental. This service is not cost settled for any provider.

I.H.S. (Indian Health Services) shall be reimbursed at the federally established OMB/AIR (all Inclusive rate) outpatient rate for OTP Program services.

NC Medicaid is not reimbursing room and board for this service. The State will periodically monitor the actual provision of services paid under a bundled rate through the PHPs and PIHPs to ensure that beneficiaries receive the types, quantity, and intensity of services required to meet their medical needs and to ensure that the rates remain economic and efficient based on the services that are provided as part of the bundle.

TN No: 23-0006

Supersedes

TN No: 14-032

Approval Date: June 6, 2023

Effective Date: 04/01/2023