



January 2018 NC Medicaid Bulletin Digest

[SPECIAL BULLETIN: NPI Exemption List Extension to April 30, 2018 - Update](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

This email is an update to yesterday's email and previous North Carolina Medicaid Bulletins. In response to provider feedback, the use of the NPI Exemption List for residents and interns enrolled in graduate dental and medical programs, and area health education centers will be extended from January 31, 2018 to April 30, 2018.

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[Freestanding Birth Center Fee Update](#)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

The Freestanding Birth Center fee for CPT Code 59409 has been updated to \$1,510.97 effective Jan. 1, 2018.

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[Corrections to N.C. Medicaid Bulletin December 2017- Hospice Policy Updates](#)

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With each prior approval (PA) entry beginning with the third and subsequent benefit periods, providers must fax a copy of the Approval Status Inquiry Form, or the NCTracks Web Submitted Request for Hospice Prior Approval Confirmation Page, to DMA at 919-715-9025. DMA requests that providers include their name and e-mail address on the above forms.

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[NC HealthConnex Connection Required by June 1, 2018 for Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians and Mid-Level Practitioners \(January 2018\)](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

Per [Session Law \(S.L.\) 2015-241](#), as amended by [S.L. 2017-57](#), North Carolina providers who are reimbursed by the state for providing health care services under N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice programs must join NC HealthConnex, the state-designated Health Information Exchange.

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[‘Be Smart’ Family Planning Clarification on Sterilization and Eligibility](#)

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The provision of family planning services and family planning-related services has been the sole purpose of the “Be Smart” Family Planning Medicaid program since it started in October 2005, and continued with the CMS approval of the State Plan Amendment in 2014.

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[New Coverage, Implementing Balloon Sinus Ostial Dilation](#)

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Effective Feb. 1, 2018, N.C. Medicaid will cover balloon sinus ostial dilatation (BOD) surgery. The BOD policy will outline the new coverage for applicable CPT procedure codes.

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[NCTracks Training Available in January 2018](#)

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Registration is open for several instructor-led training courses for providers that will be held in January 2018.

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[Postpartum Depression Screening](#)

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Appropriate maternal depression screening is necessary to ensure that postpartum depression is addressed and care is administered in a timely manner to improve quality of care and long-term outcomes for both mother and child.

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[CPT Code Update: 2018](#)

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The American Medical Association (AMA) publishes an annual Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual each fall outlining new, revised, and deleted procedural codes effective January 1 of the following calendar year.

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[Clinical Coverage Policies \(January 2018\)](#)

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The following new or amended combined N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice clinical coverage policies are available on DMA's [clinical coverage policy web pages](#).

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[Maintain Eligibility Process](#)

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Effective Oct. 29, 2017, NCTracks will implement a quarterly Maintain Eligibility Process which identifies



providers with no claim activity within the past 12 months. The provider must attest electronically in NCTracks to remain active.

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Kidney (Renal) Transplantation Policy Revision

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Clinical Coverage Policy (CCP) 11B-4, Kidney (Renal) Transplantation, has been revised.

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Affordable Care Act Fee Increase for Provider Enrollment

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced an increase in the Affordable Care Act provider enrollment application fee.

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NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Announcement (January 2018)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

There are only four months left to submit an attestation for Program Year 2017.

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Medicaid Required Enrollment Fees - UPDATED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

The N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice (NCHC) application fee is \$100, which covers costs associated with processing enrollment applications.

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Claims Pended for Incorrect Billing Location – Update Change in Edit Disposition

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Note: This article was previously published in the [September 2017 Medicaid Bulletin](#). It is being republished with updates.

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Triamcinolone Acetonide Extended-Release Injectable Suspension, for Intra-Articular Use (Zilretta) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

Effective with date of service Oct. 15, 2017, the NC Medicaid Program covers triamcinolone acetonide



extended-release injectable suspension, for intra-articular use (Zilretta) for use in the Physician's Drug Program (PDP) when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs.

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Meropenem and Vaborbactam for Injection, for Intravenous Use (Vabomere) HCPCS Code J3490: Billing Guidelines

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Effective with date of service Oct. 23, 2017, the N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice (NCHC) programs cover meropenem and vaborbactam for injection, for intravenous use (Vabomere) for use in the Physician's Drug Program (PDP) when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs.

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New American Dental Association Procedure Codes

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Effective with date of service Jan. 1, 2018, the following dental procedure codes were added for the N.C. Medicaid and Health Choice Dental Programs. These additions are a result of updates to the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) 2018 American Dental Association (ADA) Code.

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Re-credentialing Due Dates for Calendar Year 2018

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Fingerprinting Process for Providers

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