



## March 2019 NC Medicaid Bulletin Digest

### [SPECIAL BULLETIN: Medicaid Managed Care Provider Training Opportunity - Managed Care Transformation 101](#)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

NC Medicaid has developed a general overview and topic-based webinar series that will educate providers to effectively support their transition to Medicaid Managed Care. General webinars are designed to give providers an overview of major changes and important things to know while the focused, topical webinar series will offer a deeper dive on specific topics.

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### [SPECIAL BULLETIN: Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults In-Home Aide and Oral Nutritional Supplement Rate Increase](#)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

Session Law 2017-57, Section 11H.13/(a) was amended to appropriate funding to be used to increase the rate for in-home aide services to no more than three dollars and ninety cents (\$3.90) paid per 15-minute billing unit provided under the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) waiver pursuant to Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2, effective Jan. 1, 2019.

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### [SPECIAL BULLETIN: Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults Waiver Application Submittal](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

A renewal application for § 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on Mar. 1, 2019 for review and approval.

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### [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Approved the State Plan Amendment for Adult Optical Services](#)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

NC Medicaid received approval from CMS for the State Plan Amendment for Adult Optical Services. Effective Feb. 10, 2019, providers may bill for routine eye exams and visual aids for adult Medicaid beneficiaries with dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

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### [Request for Proposal for Independent Assessment Entity for Long-Term Services and Supports](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

NC Medicaid has approved the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an independent assessment entity (IAE) that will streamline access to Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) effective July 2019. The IAE will provide beneficiaries a much-needed single point of entry for accessing Medicaid LTSS services and streamline the processes between initial contact and service enrollment.

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### [Summary of New or Amended Clinical Coverage Policies Posted Since Jan. 1, 2019](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

The following new or amended clinical coverage policies are available on NC Medicaid's website:

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### [Optical Services are Non-Covered for Medicare Qualified Beneficiary \(MQB\), Family Planning Waiver \(MAFD\), and Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\)](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Under the MQB Medicare Eligibility Codes, Medicaid pays only for Medicare Part B premiums or premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance for charges covered by Medicare. Routine eye exams, refraction only and visual aids are not covered by Medicare for MQB beneficiaries. Therefore, MQB beneficiaries are not eligible for Medicaid optical services.

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### [Levoleucovorin, for intravenous use \(Khapzory™\) HCPCS code J3490: Billing Guidelines](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Effective with date of service Dec. 17, 2018, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover levoleucovorin for injection, for intravenous use (Khapzory) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J3490 - Unclassified drugs.

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### [Updates to the NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record \(EHR\) Incentive Program](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

There are only two months left to submit an attestation for Program Year 2018. The NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS) will close for Program Year 2018 at midnight on April 30, 2019. After that, no changes can be made.

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**Ravulizumab-cwvz injection, for intravenous use (Ultomiris™) HCPCS code J3590: Billing Guidelines**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Effective with date of service Dec. 21, 2018, the North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover ravulizumab-cwvz injection, for intravenous use (Ultomiris) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program when billed with HCPCS code J3590 - Unclassified Biologics.

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**NCTracks Provider Training Available in March 2019**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Registration is open for the March 2019 instructor-led provider training courses listed below. Slots are limited. WebEx courses can be attended remotely from any location with a telephone, computer and internet connection.

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**Revised Effective Jan. 31, 2019: Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-1, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies for Adaptive Car Seat and Vehicular Transport Vest**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Effective Jan. 31, 2019, NC Medicaid's Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) approves specialized medical equipment and supplies for an adaptive car seat and a vehicular transport vest for participants in CAP/C when all qualifying conditions are met per the CAP/C Clinical Coverage Policy, 3K-1.

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**Proposed Clinical Policies for Public Comment**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Proposed new or amended North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice clinical coverage policies are posted for comment throughout the month.

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**Managed Care for Providers: PHP Contracts Awarded**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

On Feb. 4, 2019, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced the selection of five Prepaid Health Plans that will participate in Medicaid managed care when the program launches in November 2019.

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### [New American Dental Association Procedure Codes](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Effective with date of service Jan. 1, 2019, the following dental procedure codes were added for the NC Medicaid and Health Choice Dental Programs. These additions are a result of the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) 2019 American Dental Association (ADA) code updates. Clinical Coverage Policy 4A, Dental Services will be updated to reflect these changes.

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### [Reminder about Drugs Administered by Injection or Infusion](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

This is a reminder that not all drugs administered by injection or infusion are covered in the Physicians Drug Program (PDP) as a part of the medical benefit. Some of these drugs are only covered in the outpatient pharmacy benefit when requested by prior authorization (PA) and dispensed by a retail or specialty pharmacy.

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### [Credentialing Updates from the NC Medical Board](#)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

NCTracks receives files from the North Carolina Medical Board the first week of every month. Providers do not need to update their license renewals in NCTracks. The expiration date will be updated by NCTracks automatically as long as the license number on the provider's record is correct and matches the license number issued by the Board.

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