

## ND Medicaid Program

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a 4.5% inflationary increase for all Nursing Facility services. ND Medicaid will be submitting a State Plan amendment to update the rate methodology for nursing facility services effective January 1, 2022. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$36.2 million for a 12-month period.

Effective for date of service on or after January 1, 2022, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a 2% inflationary increase for all Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility services. In addition to the 2% inflationary increase and consistent with Medicaid State Plan Authority, rates for Medicaid-eligible individuals residing in in-state psychiatric residential treatment facilities will be adjusted, based on cost reports submitted by the facilities within the current rate methodology. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$500,000 for a 12-month period.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, and consistent with approved state plan language, ND Medicaid will update the payment rate for lodging to the amount established for the month of January 2022 by the General Services Administration. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to increase \$1,000 for a 12-month period.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, service limits for certain behavioral health services will be eliminated, including limits for substance use disorder treatment services, psychiatric hospitalization, and psychological services to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to have a minimal fiscal impact.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, the limits for chiropractic care, occupational therapy and physical therapy will be increased to align with the alternative benefit plan for Medicaid Expansion, to ensure that the 19- and 20-year-old Medicaid Expansion members receive all services they are entitled to. Medicaid expenditures for these services are expected to have a minimal fiscal impact.

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2022 19- and 20-year-old Medicaid Expansion members will transition to traditional Medicaid coverage. Individuals in this group will be required to select a Primary Care Provider as part of ND Medicaid's Primary Care Case Management program. Pursuant to 42 CFR 440.345, benefits for these children will

include Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services consistent with the current ND Medicaid state plan. As a result of the transition, the Medicaid expenditures for a 12-month period are expected to decrease \$5.2 million which includes an expected minimal increase for Primary Care Provider payments.

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2022, North Dakota Medicaid will provide coverage of routine patient costs for members participating in qualifying clinical trials to comply with the 2021 Consolidated Appropriation Act. The fiscal impact on Medicaid expenditures for these services is not known.

The capitated monthly rate for Medicaid Expansion, effective January 1, 2022, is estimated to increase, based on actuarial certification of the rates and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota acceptance of those rates, and is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact.

ND Medicaid follows the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits. These edits were developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Correct Procedure Terminology Manual, national and local policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices, and a review of current coding practices. CMS annually updates the National Correct Coding Initiative Coding Policy Manual.

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to human service zone offices, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.

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