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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Summary Version of Implementation Update #91

Please send any input or suggestions for the Summary version to us at ContactDMH@dhhs.nc.gov. Readers who want to view the Implementation Updates and other summaries may find them on our website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/implementationupdates/index.htm>; refer to the detailed version as the authority.

Notice of Rate Reductions

- The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Reimbursement sections of the Medicaid State Plan.
- Effective November 1, 2011 rates paid to North Carolina Medicaid service providers will be reduced by 2.67%.
- Nursing homes will have their rate reductions effective July 1, 2011.
- More detailed information will be posted on the Division of Medical Assistance website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/budgetinitiatives.htm>
- For questions concerning the reductions please call the Division of Medical Assistance Finance Management at 919-855-4180.

Health Choice Transition

- As a result of the legislatively mandated transition of Health Choice program benefits coverage to a Medicaid equivalent, service and visit limits will mirror those for Medicaid.

For more detailed information please see Implementation Update 90 and 91.

Payment on Professional Crossover Claims

- The Division of Medical Assistance has made provisions to allow Medicaid crossover claims processing for Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies who bill Medicare for outpatient behavioral health services.

For more detailed information please see the full Implementation Update 91.

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Seminars

- Outpatient Behavioral Health Services provider seminars are scheduled for November 2011. Information presented will include a review of Clinical Coverage Policy 8C–Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Provided by Direct-Enrolled Providers and policy updates, billing procedures



including billing “incident to” a physician, prior approval, National Correct Coding Initiative, Carolina Access for recipients under age 21, Health Choice, fraud and abuse.

- **Pre-registration is required.** Due to limited seating, registration is limited to two staff members per office. Unregistered providers are welcome to attend if space is available.
- Providers may register for the Outpatient Behavioral Health Services seminars by completing and submitting the online registration form www.hp.com/go/medicaid_seminar_Nov.

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- North Carolina Medicaid offers to all providers the ability to sign up for North Carolina Medicaid Email Alerts.
- Email Alerts are used to send notices to providers on behalf of the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance, North Carolina Medicaid and North Carolina Health Choice programs.
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