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SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2014-025

Dear Ms. Glaze:

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The affected page is Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, Page 1d.

The state plan changes are to revise the reimbursement methodologies for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Services. This change also includes a 1% rate reduction to the Ambulatory Surgical Centers Services effective January 1, 2015 which implements Session Law 2014 – 100, Section 12H.14A.

This amendment is effective January 1, 2015.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Teresa Smith or me at 919-855-4116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aldona Z. Wos".

Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.

Enclosures

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

Payment for Ambulatory Surgical Centers:

SFY 2003 – No adjustment.

SFY 2004 – No Adjustments for Ambulatory Surgical Centers effective October 1, 2003.

SFY 2005 and 2006 – No rate increase from the June 30, 2005 rate for all Medicaid private and public providers with the following exceptions: federally qualified health clinics, rural health centers, state institutions, outpatient hospital, pharmacy and the non-inflationary components of the case-mix reimbursement system for nursing facilities.

NC General Assembly legislation mandates that effective July 1, 2005, reimbursement rates for Ambulatory Surgical Centers for the state fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will remain at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2005.

SFY 2007 – Effective July 1, 2006 an inflationary increase of 9.169% was applied.

SFY 2010 – The rates for SFY 2010 are frozen as of the rates in effect at July 1, 2009, except Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current year's downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule. Effective October 1, 2009, an overall negative rate adjustment of 4.095% was applied. There will be no further annual adjustment.

SFY 2011 – The rates for SFY 2011 will be frozen at the rates in effect on June 30, 2010.

SFY 2012 – Rates will be frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2011. Effective November 1, 2011, existing rates are adjusted by a negative 2.67% to yield a twelve (12) month two percent (2%) reduction in the nine (9) remaining months of this State Fiscal Year.

SFY 2013 – Effective July 1, 2012, the rates will be adjusted such that they will equal 98% of the rate in effect July 1, 2011. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year except that Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

SFY 2014 – Effective August 1, 2013, the rates are frozen as of the rate in effect at June 30, 2013. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year except that Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

SFY 2015 – Effective July 1, 2014, the rates are frozen at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2014. Effective January 1, 2015, the rates will be adjusted such that they will equal 99% of the rate in effect December 31, 2014. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year except that

Reference: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 9, Page 2.

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State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

Payment for Ambulatory Surgical Centers - Continued:

Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

SFY 2016 – Effective July 1, 2015, the rates are frozen at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2015. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year except that Medicaid rates may be adjusted downward in accordance with the current years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule.

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