

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

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

18. Hospice Care (in accordance with section 1905(o) of the Act).

Hospice services are paid using Medicare reimbursement rates and methodologies, adjusted to remove offsets for the Medicare co-insurance amounts, and with the following exceptions:

There is no limit on overall aggregate payments made to a hospice agency by Medicaid.

Payments to a hospice for inpatient care are limited in relation to all Medicaid payments to the agency for Hospice care. During the twelve month period beginning November 1 of each year and ending October 31, the aggregate number of inpatient days, inpatient respite and general inpatient, may not exceed 20 percent of the aggregate total number of days of Hospice care provided during the same time period for all the hospice's Medicaid patients. Hospice care provided for patients with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is excluded in calculating the inpatient care limit. The hospice refunds any overpayments to Medicaid.

A hospice may be paid the appropriate long term care (SNF/ICF) room and board rate, in addition to the home care rate, for a nursing facility resident's Hospice care. The nursing facility may not bill Medicaid for the individual's care that duplicates Hospice Services.

Notwithstanding any other provision, if specified, these rates will be adjusted as shown on Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 2, Page 1e of the State Plan.

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Payment for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing Services:

FY 2003 – 5% reduction to Private Duty Nursing; No adjustment for other services.

FY 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 these programs (Home Health, and Private Duty Nursing) for the state fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will remain at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2005.

FY 2007 - Effective 1/1/2007 inflationary increases were applied to the following programs:

Home Health received an increase of 2.98%, and
Private Duty Nursing received an increase of 4.25%.

FY 2009-2010 – No inflationary adjustment and 5.73% rate reduction (annualized over nine months) for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing.

FY 2010-2011- No inflationary or rate adjustments for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing.

Reference: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 7, Pages 1- 5 & Attachment 4.19-B, Section8, Page 1

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Payment for Personal Care (Community Based) Services:

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

FY 2007 - Effective 1/1/2007 inflationary increases were applied to the following program:

Personal Care (Community Based) received an increase of 1.50%.

FY 2008-2009- No Adjustment for Personal Care (Community Based)

FY 2009-2010 – No inflationary adjustment and 4.96% rate reduction (annualized over nine months) for Personal Care (Community Based).

FY 2010-2011- No inflationary or rate adjustments for Personal Care (Community Based).

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Payment for Hospice:

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