

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
State: NORTH CAROLINA

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- 4.b. Health Check Services / Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of individuals under 21 years of age, and treatment of conditions found.

Health Check Services provide early and regular preventive medical and dental screenings. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Health Check Services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2010 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. The Fee schedule is published on the agency's website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/fee/fee.htm>. Providers will be reimbursed the lower of the fee schedule rate or their usual and customary charge.

Health Check services will be provided by direct enrolled Medicaid providers who may be either governmental or private providers. Notwithstanding any other provision, if specified, these rates will be adjusted as shown on Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 1 section of the State Plan. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) identifies treatments that are medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness or a condition that is identified.

Services contained in 1905(a) and not listed as covered services in the state agency manuals/state plan will be provided. Services provided as described in Section 1905(a) to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by screening services and not covered in the state plan will be provided if determined to be medically necessary by the appropriate agency staff or consultants.

The rate for services contained in 1905 (a) will be reimbursed at 80% of Medicare's fee. If no Medicare rate exists, the State will reimburse a rate equal to similar services in the state plan. If no similar service exists, the State will review the rates of surrounding Medicaid states. If the surrounding Medicaid State's fees are not available, the State will reimburse 80% of usual and customary charges or negotiate the fee with the provider.

EPSDT services provided by Local Health Departments (governmental agencies) may be cost settled as described in Attachment 4.19-B, Section 9, page 1 of the state plan.

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Additional service categories are reimbursed as follows:

Hearing aids and hearing aid accessories are reimbursed at invoice cost (invoices must accompany claims for aids and accessories). Fitting and dispensing services are reimbursed at a fixed reasonable reimbursement fee.

Batteries are reimbursed at current retail costs; an invoice is not required and a dispensing fee is not allowed.