

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

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

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Payment for Independent Laboratory:

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.

SFY 2007 - Effective January 1, 2007 inflationary of .595% 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 years downward adjustments to the Medicare fee schedule. Effective October 1, 2009, an overall negative rate adjustment of 4.90% was applied. There will be no further annual rate adjustment for SFY 2010.

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 October 1, 2011, existing rates are adjusted by a negative 2.66% for Independent Laboratories and 2.67% for X-Ray Services to yield a twelve (12) month two percent (2%) reduction in the nine (9) remaining months of this State Fiscal Year for all Medicaid providers with the following exception: North Carolina State Laboratory rates will remain frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2011. Rates for new codes will not include inflation beyond 2009.

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 for all Medicaid providers with the following exception: North Carolina State Laboratory rates will remain frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2011. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year. Rates for new codes will not include inflation beyond 2009.

Reference: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 5

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