



# Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee

May 20th, 2025 Meeting Slides

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# Upcoming State Plan Amendments (SPAs)

## Provider Screening and Enrollment

### Enrollment and Screening of Providers

To comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective July 1, 2025

- Added “North Dakota may enroll providers up to 365 days from the date of service.”

# Effective Dates

## Approved for application receive date

- urgent or non-urgent care
- based on application receive date
- no retroactive date requested

## Approved for up to 90 days

- urgent or non-urgent care
- based on application receive date
- retroactive date was requested

## Approved for up to 365 days from date of service

- urgent/emergent care
- based on claim date of service
- retroactive date was requested
- reason/medical documentation submitted



## State Plan Amendment – Alternative Benefit Plan for Medicaid Expansion Members Ages 21-64

- Technical correction to add Other Licensed Practitioners including psychologists, advance practice registered nurses, clinical social workers, physician assistants and professional counselors.

# Personal Needs Allowance



- **HB 1485 approved & signed by Governor Armstrong**
  - Increases Personal Needs Allowance by \$15.00 per month beginning July 1, 2025
  - Monthly personal needs allowance will be reviewed and adjusted annually based on inflation – determined by Consumer Price Index (CPI)
    - Nursing Home – will increase from \$100.00 to \$115.00
    - Basic Care – will increase from \$135.00 to \$150.00
    - ICF IID – will increase from \$135.00 to \$150.00
    - SSI Subsidy will increase from \$70.00 to \$85.00 – based on other income individuals have



# North Dakota Medicaid Legislative Update

Medicaid Medical Advisory Meeting

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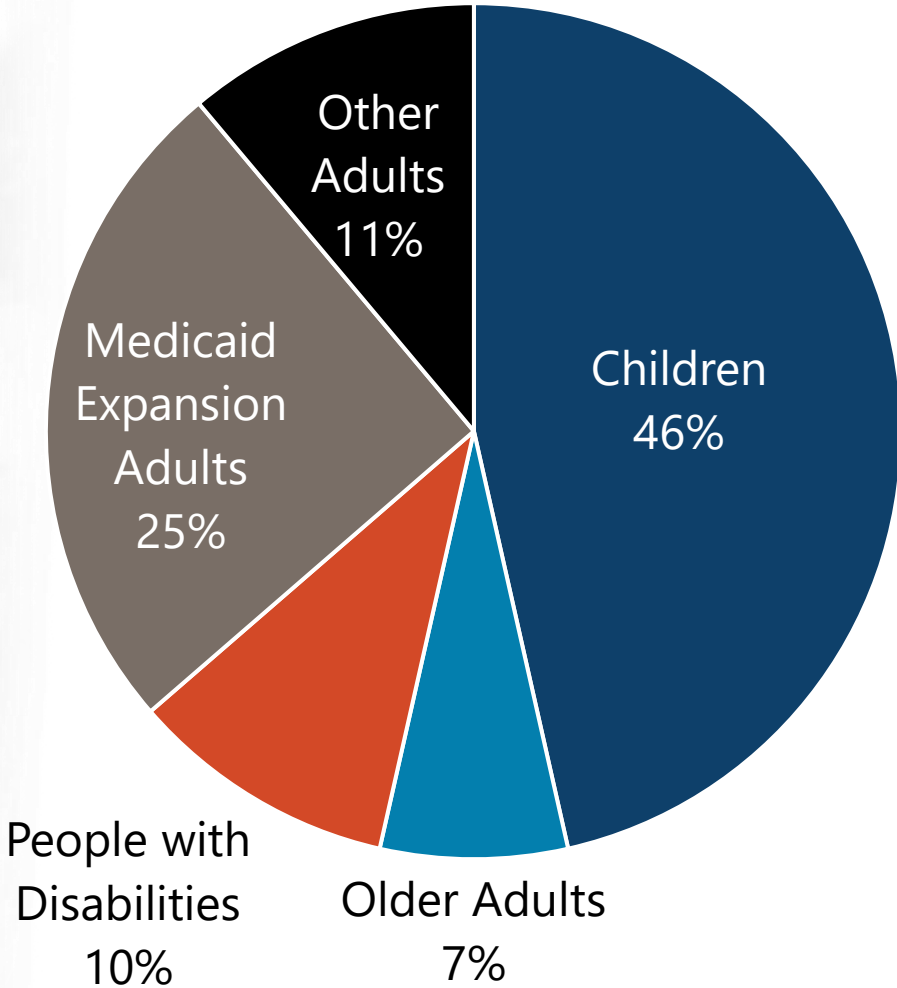
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# Who is covered by North Dakota Medicaid?



### State Fiscal Year 2024

- 152,273 Unduplicated Individuals
- 112,558 Average Monthly Enrollment

# Who We Serve



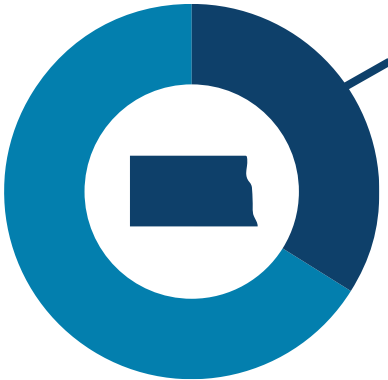
Nearly **1 in 7 North Dakotans** in any given month will have health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP



**52.5% nursing facility residents** are paid by Medicaid



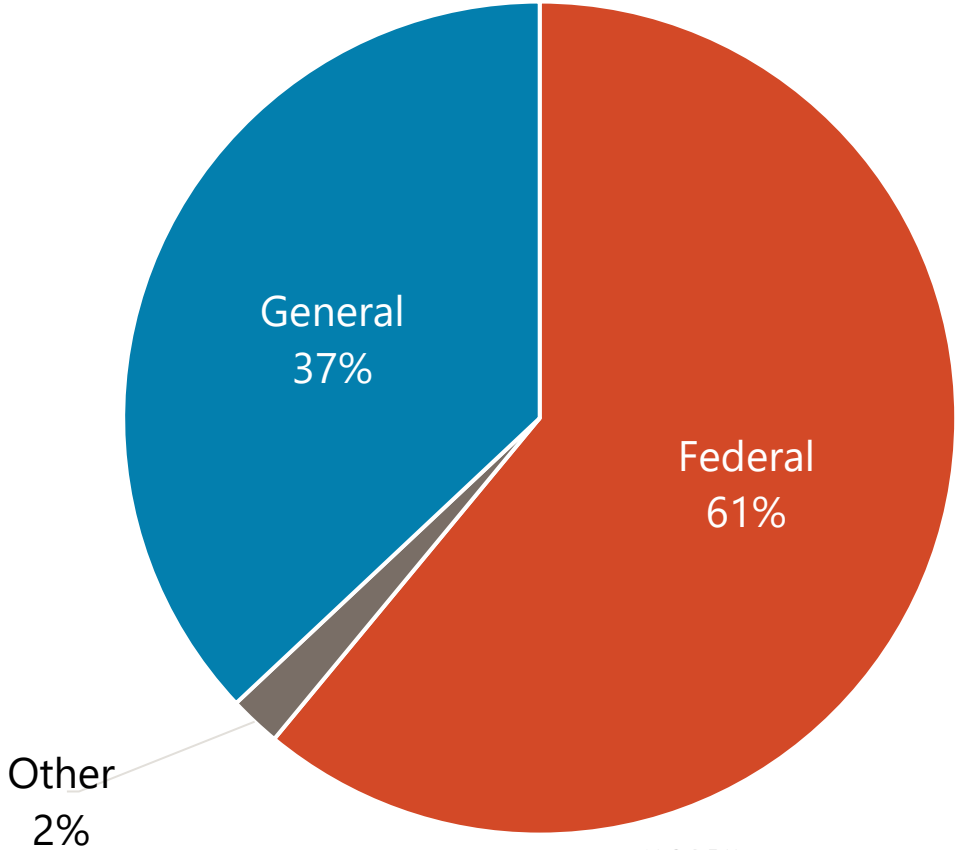
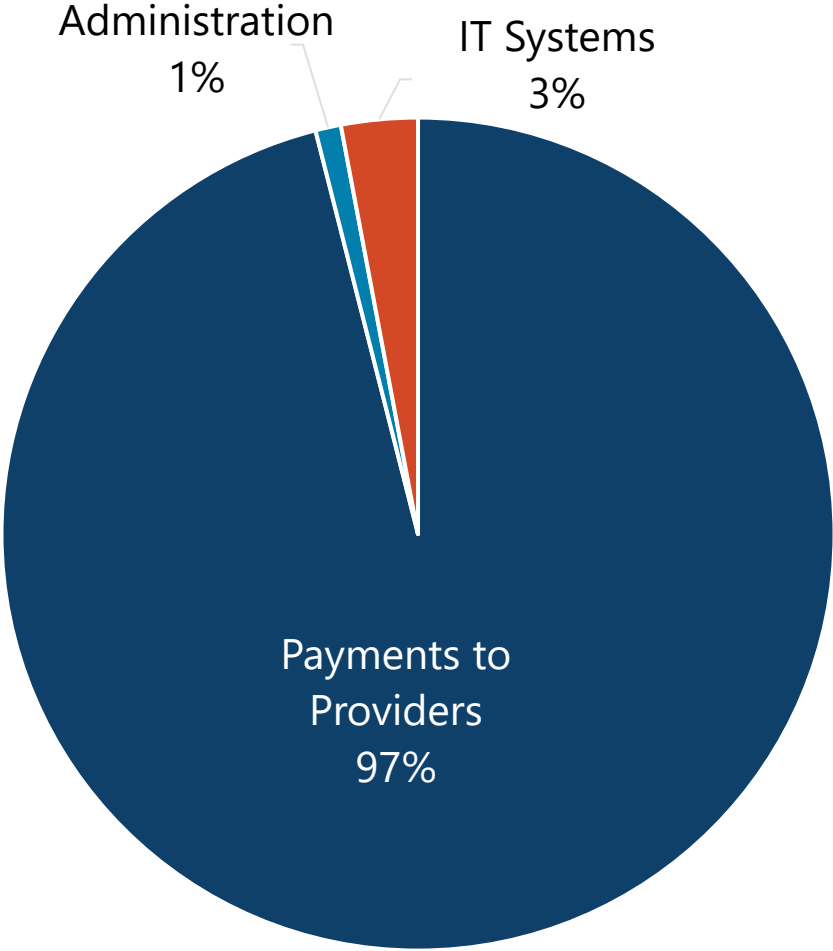
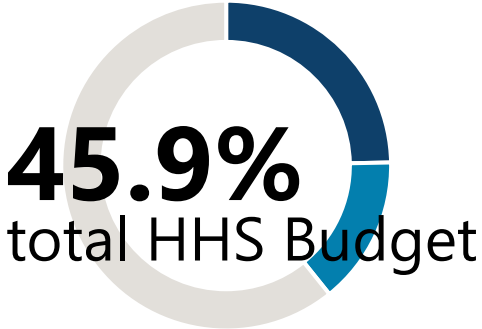
Up to **1 of every 3 children** under the age of 19 in North Dakota has health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP



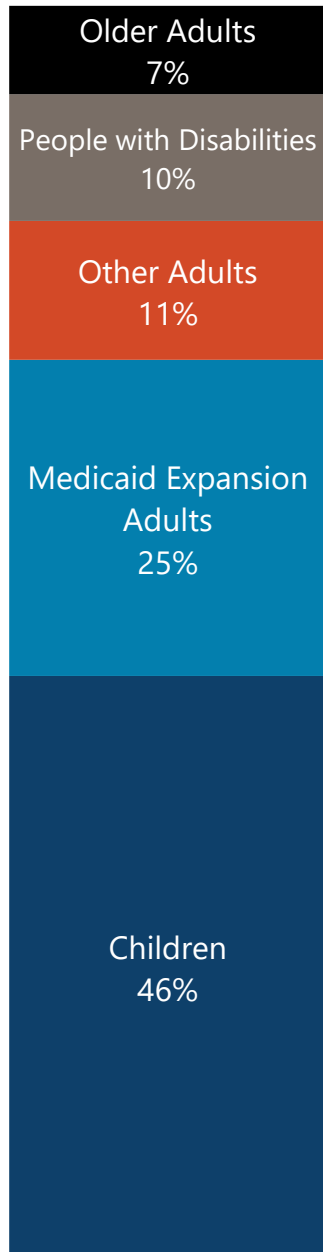
**34% of children born in North Dakota** will be on Medicaid or CHIP during their first year of life

# 2025-2027 Budget Overview

## Medical Services & Long-Term Care: \$2.9 Billion Total Budget



# North Dakota Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures SFY 2024

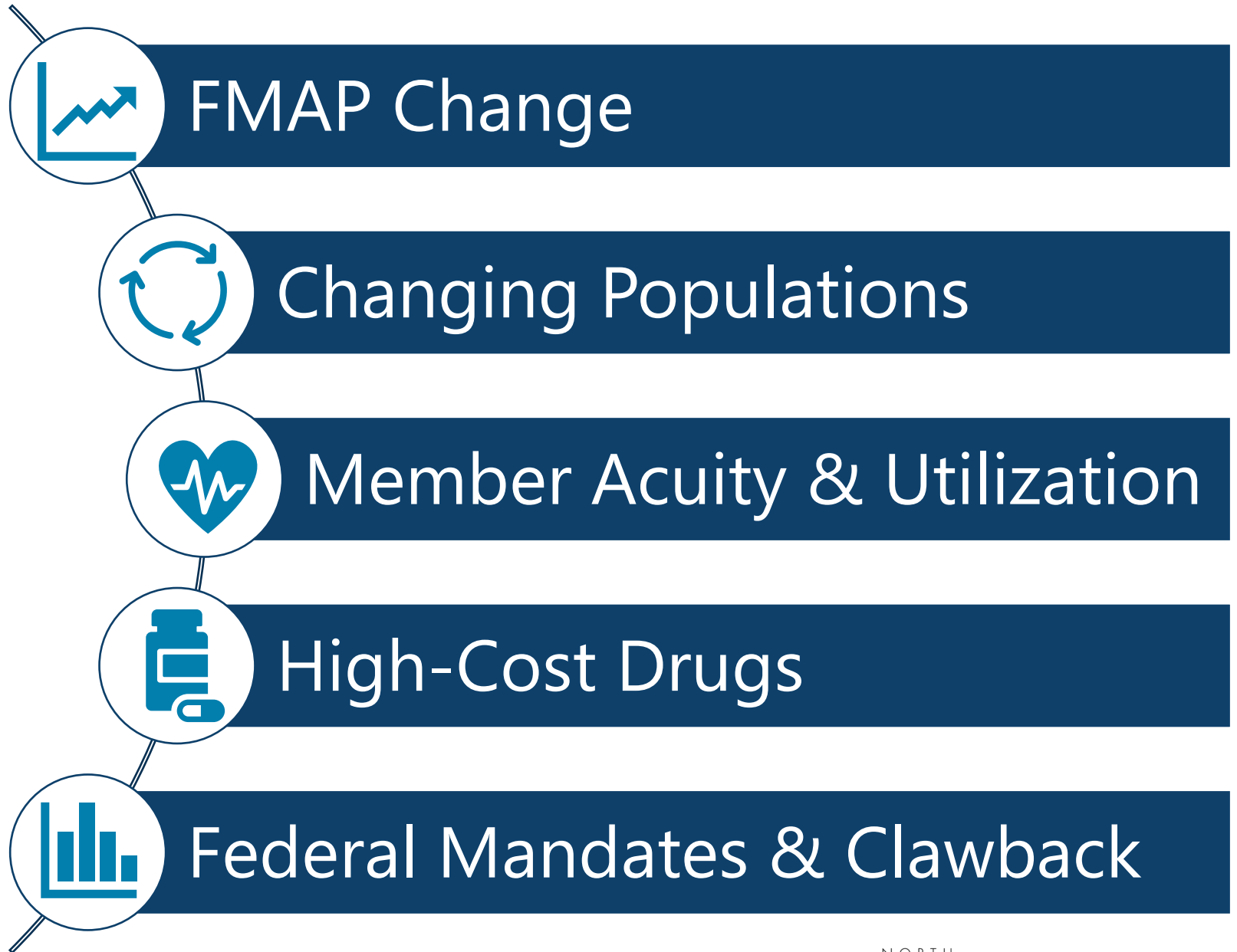


Enrollment



Expenditures

# Key Budget Drivers



# Goals for the Next Biennium

- Bending the Cost Curve
- Delivering Whole Person Care
- Promoting Sustainability & Value
- Improving the Member & Provider Experience



# Governor's Budget Recommendations for ND Medicaid

Decision Package	Governor's Recommendation				Legislative Decision
	General	Federal	Total		
Private Duty Nursing & Home Health Targeted Rate Increase	\$1,235,768	\$1,235,768	\$2,471,536	Ongoing	Funded
QSP/HCBS Targeted Rate Increase	\$3,595,104	\$1,797,552	\$5,392,656	Ongoing	Funded
Ambulance Targeted Rate Increase	\$2,189,770	\$2,189,770	\$4,379,540	Ongoing	Not Funded
Cross Disability Waiver Implementation	\$2,474,226	\$2,474,226	\$4,948,452	Ongoing	Funded
Value Based Purchasing	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Ongoing	Funded
Provider Inflation – Medicaid 1.5% & 1.5%	\$6,949,693	\$9,266,071	\$16,215,764	Ongoing	Increased to 2% & 2%
Provider Inflation – Long Term Care 1.5% & 1.5%	\$3,294,874	\$2,101,980	\$5,396,854	Ongoing	Increased to 2% & 2%

# Legislative Actions Relating to ND Medicaid

HB 1012	HB 1067	HB 1485	HB 1252	SB 2076
Basic Care \$5 per day Rate Add-On for 2025-2027 Biennium	Extends Medically Fragile & Autism Waiver to Age 21; Exempts SSI Survivor's Benefits & Child Support for HCBS Waiver Eligibility for Children	Increases Personal Needs Allowance by \$15 and adds Annual Inflation	Removes Capital Construction Limitation for Tribal Health Care Coordination Funds	Changes Prior Auth to Certification for Youth with 5+ Concurrent Behavioral Health Medications

SB 2271	SB 2305	SB 2399
Rate Rebase & Recalculation for Adult Residential Facilities	Continues Paid Family Caregiver Pilot Program; Prohibits Duplication with HCBS Waiver Services; Changes Payment Structure	Requires changes to PRTF rates; allows therapeutic leave days for PRTFs

# Legislative Studies & Reports Involving Medicaid

- **Shall** – Directs either HHS or Legislative Management to study and/or report on a topic during the interim.
- **Shall Consider** – Topics that will be considered by Legislative Management for study during the interim. Not every topic is selected.

## Shall Studies & Reports

- Developmental Disability Provider Accreditation & Costs
- Nursing Facility Quality Withhold
- Special Education Funding
- Review Asset Limit & Basic Care Study Progress
- Adult Residential, Basic Care & Assisted Living Payment Model and Licensure
- PRTF Rates & Value Based Purchasing
- 340B Transparency Study

## Shall Consider Study Topics

- Maternal Health Access
- Developmental Disability Services
- Dental & Oral Health Care Needs

# Procedure Code Look-up Tool

The screenshot shows the North Dakota Medicaid website's 'Provider Guidelines, Manuals and Policies' page. A blue circle highlights the '\*NEW\* Procedure Code Look-up Tool' button, which includes a 'Use the Tool' sub-button. Other buttons on the page include 'Provider Education and Training Resources' (Learn more) and 'Recommend Medicaid service coverage' (SFN 905). The page content includes a list of 'GENERAL PROVIDER POLICIES' such as 'Coordinated Services Program', 'Covered Services', 'Electronic Visit Verification - \*NEW\* November 2024', 'Medicare Coverage', 'Noncovered Services', 'Ordering/Referring/Prescribing Providers - Updated May 2025', 'Other Licensed Providers (OLP)', and 'Provider Appeals'.

The Procedure Code Look-up Tool is a web-based application designed to streamline workflow searching for ND Medicaid coverage information. It allows you to search by CPT®, CDT®, or HCPCS code and get at-a-glance information on coverage, current rates, telehealth applicability, service authorization information, claim requirements, and more.

The Look-up Tool can be accessed on the ND Medicaid website's Provider Guidelines, Manuals, and Policies page.  
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider/manuals-and-guidelines>

The Look-up Tool has replaced several reference spreadsheets on the website, including Codes Requiring Service Auth, Codes Requiring ORP NPI, CDT codes requiring Tooth Numbers and Quadrants, Telehealth Approved Services, along with PDFs containing DME Purchase and Rental Limits and Restrictions

# Procedure Code Look-up Tool

The Procedure Code Look-up Tool landing page provides detailed information about each section of the look-up tool.

- Summary
- Rates
- Requirements
- DME
- Dental
- Authorization and Notes

Click Use the Tool to get started.

The screenshot shows the ND Medicaid Procedure Code Look-Up Tool landing page. The page title is "ND Medicaid Procedure Code Look-Up". The main content area features a large blue button labeled "Use the tool" which is circled in red. Below this button, there is a "Summary" section with the following details:

- Category – Category to which a procedure code is assigned to
  - Dental
  - DME (Durable Medical Equipment)
  - Drugs
  - Labs
  - Professional
- Covered – Identifies if ND Medicaid covers the code
- Telemedicine Allowed – Identifies if the code can be provided via Telehealth

Below the summary, there are expandable sections for "Rates", "Requirements", and "Durable Medical Equipment (DME)".

# Procedure Code Look-up Tool

You can enter any procedure code in the drop-down menu and get immediate, up-to-date details in one place.

The data is refreshed weekly on Sunday mornings.

Technical Questions related to the Look-up Tool can be sent to: [proccodelookup@nd.gov](mailto:proccodelookup@nd.gov)

### North Dakota Medicaid Procedure Code Lookup Tool

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Summary	DME	Dental
Category: Professional	DME ICF Responsibility: No	Tooth Number: No
Covered: Yes	DME NF Responsibility: No	Tooth Surface: No
Telemedicine Allowed: Yes	DME SB Responsibility: No	Tooth Quadrant: No

Rates	Authorization and Notes
General Rate: \$97.17	Service Authorization Required: No
ASC Rate: Not Allowed	General Notes: Telehealth allowed on Medicare primary claims only
	Link: <a href="https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider/manuals-and-guidelines">https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider/manuals-and-guidelines</a>

Requirements
NDC required: No
FQHC Generate Encounter: Yes
RHC Generate Encounter: Yes
Ordering/Referring/Prescribing Provider NPI required: No



# Medicaid Member Engagement Update

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# What We've Been Up To...

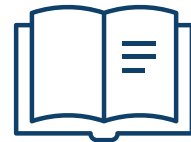
Medical Services' Member Engagement Team has been:



Holding regular  
MMEC  
meetings



Producing Medicaid  
Member E-News



Developing the  
Medicaid Member  
Handbook



Gathering Member  
Feedback

# MMEC Meetings



The Medicaid Member Engagement Committee (MMEC) has been meeting every other month since March 2024. Together, we have:

- Discussed areas of focus for Medical Services' work
- Increased access to information through E-News
- Made additions to the Medicaid Member Handbook
- Discussed how to improve our coverage and services



Check it  
out!



# Producing Medicaid Member E-News



- Medicaid Member E-News is sent out to subscribed members through email every other month.
- E-News shares seasonal tips for good health, Medicaid program updates, helpful resources, and more.
- We currently have 5,539 subscribers.



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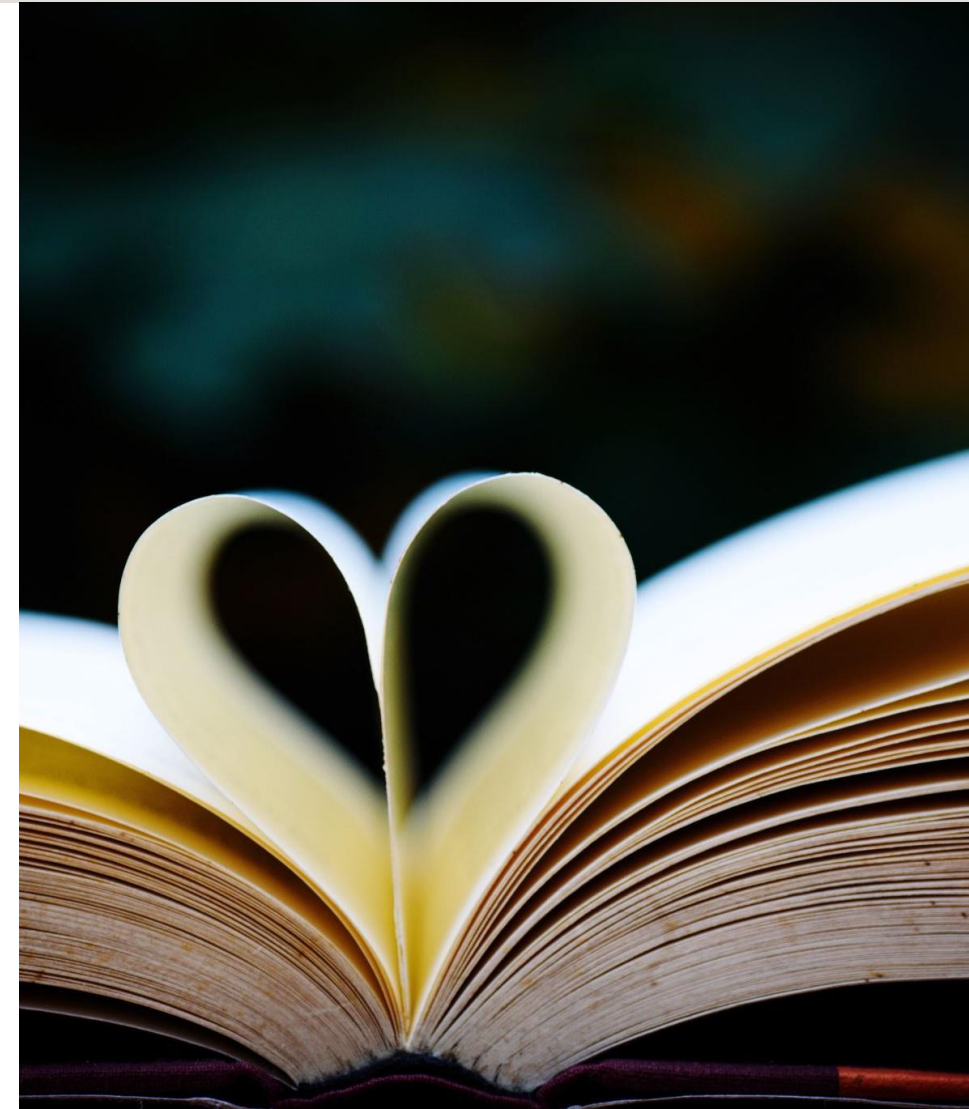
# Developing the Medicaid Member Handbook



- The MMEC has been developing additions to the Medicaid Member Handbook. We are halfway through completing the first edition of this document.
- The handbook is available on our website.
- We have received feedback that this handbook has been beneficial to members and those who support them.



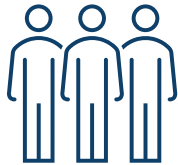
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# Gathering Member Feedback



Medical Services has been gathering feedback from:



ND Medicaid  
members



ND Medicaid  
partners and  
providers



Community  
organizations



Representatives of  
our members

# Gathering Member Feedback



We've been gathering member feedback through:



Regular MMEC  
Meetings



Virtual Member  
Listening Session



Member Survey



Member Focus  
Group

# Regular MMEC Meetings



Our MMEC members tell us about their lived experiences and suggest ways to improve the coverage and the support they get from us.



# Virtual Member Listening Session



We hosted a virtual listening session for our members on May 6. More than 130 people attended this event.

We explored two main topics:

- Which areas of ND Medicaid need our attention most
- Best practices for the MMEC

54 members took surveys showing us that we should focus on:

- The eligibility process
- Dental services
- Home and community-based services
- Non-emergency medical transportation

We found that our members want to give more feedback through:

- A focus group
- Another survey
- Joining the MMEC

# Member Survey



We have an open survey from May 1 – May 30. Members can tell us about their experiences with ND Medicaid coverage. This will help the MMEC know where we should focus our work.



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# Member Focus Group



Members will be invited to a small focus group that will collect recommendations for developing a more impactful MMEC. This focus group will be held on June 13.



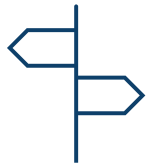
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# What We're Learning...



Our members are wanting:



Added  
guidance and  
support



More information  
about coverage

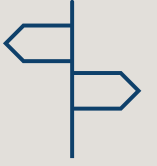


Easier navigation  
on our website



Non-English  
materials

# Added Guidance and Support



We are informing members of staff who can support them using E-News and the Medicaid Member Handbook.



# More information about coverage



We are making additions to the Medicaid Member Handbook based on our members' needs and recommendations.



# Easier navigation on our website



We have expanded our member-focused webpages to offer easier navigation and information. These webpages are found on our Medicaid Member Engagement and Resources webpage.



Check it  
out!



# Non-English materials



We are designing a flyer to direct members to a new webpage that explains U.S. health care, how to translate our website, and offers other translation services.



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# Thank You for the Chance to Update You!



You are welcome to contact me if you have suggestions or questions about ND Medicaid member engagement.

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