

RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC)

ND Medicaid covers services provided by «enrolled» Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that are certificated «by» the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

COVERED SERVICES

Payment to RHCs for covered services furnished to members is an all-inclusive rate for each encounter. «*Encounter* in this policy» is defined as a face-to-face «or synchronous telehealth» visit with the member during which a «qualifying» RHC service is rendered.

Each encounter includes covered services by a medical professional plus related services and supplies.

See [Telehealth «policy»](#) for additional information on services rendered via telehealth.

A **medical encounter** may occur with the following practitioners:

- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Midwife
- Visiting Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner

A «**behavioral**» **health encounter** may occur with the following practitioners:

- Clinical (Licensed) Psychologist
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- «Licensed Professional Counselor
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Addiction Counselor»

Encounters with more than one health professional and/or multiple encounters with the same health professionals on the same day and at a single location constitute a single encounter, except when the following condition exists:

- After the first encounter, the member suffers an illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment.

VACCINES

Refer to the Immunizations policy for additional information on immunizations and immunization administration.

Vaccines administered in conjunction with a medical encounter are considered incident to the medical encounter and neither the vaccine nor the vaccine administration «will be reimbursed» in addition to a medical encounter.

When the only service provided is a vaccine:

- The vaccine administration can be billed, but an encounter cannot be billed. The vaccine administration must be billed using Revenue Code 0771 (Vaccine administration) along with the appropriate CPT code.

If the vaccine is supplied by the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program, ND Medicaid will not make payment for the vaccine. ND Medicaid will only make payment for the vaccine administration; however, the claim must include Revenue Code 0636 (Drugs requiring detailed coding) and the appropriate CPT code for the vaccine. If the vaccine is not supplied by the VFC program and is currently covered by ND Medicaid, the vaccine will be reimbursed according to the Medicaid fee schedule using Revenue Code 0636 (Drugs requiring detailed coding) and the appropriate CPT code.

BILLING «AND REIMBURSEMENT

Effective July 1, 2024, all RHCs must report all services provided during the encounter visit on the claim. Services that do not generate an encounter payment must be submitted for quality reporting and informational purposes.

A separate claim line with each appropriate revenue code and procedure code along with the date of service. The provider must submit each claim line with their usual charges for the services.

Make sure to use the appropriate revenue code. For example, do not submit a vaccine administration code with revenue code 0521. Vaccine administration must be submitted with revenue code 0771.

When submitting claims for more than one encounter for a member on the same day at a single location, the RHC must bill the correct revenue code for each encounter and include the appropriate diagnosis codes (when applicable) on each claim.

Modifier 59 must be reported when billing for a member suffers an illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment after the member’s first encounter on the same day. Modifier 59 must be reported on the revenue code 052X claim line. Do not submit modifier 59 when the member sees more than one health professional or multiple services with the same health professionals on the same day.»

Claims must be submitted using the following Revenue Codes when billing for:

Revenue Code 0521	Clinic Visit by Member to RHC/FQHC
Revenue Code 0522	Home Visit by RHC/FQHC Practitioner
Revenue Code 0524	Visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner to a member in a covered Part A stay at a skilled nursing facility (SNF)
Revenue Code 0525	Visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner to a member in a SNF (not in a covered Part A stay) of NF or ICF/MR or other residential facility

«REFERENCE

[Immunizations Policy](#)
[Telehealth Policy»](#)