

## Provider Network Notification: Non-DPU Transfers

Providers are reminded to review section 3.43 of the latest *NC Medicaid Managed Care Billing Guidance to Health Plans*, revision 33.0, and follow the instructions provided by the department for billing these services.

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### 3.43 DPU vs. Non-DPU Inpatient Stays with Both Behavioral Health and Physical Health Services<sup>1</sup>

Effective with the launch of Tailored Plans, providers will be reimbursed according to the following methodologies for inpatient stays with behavioral and physical health services:

- Hospital providers with a Distinct Part Unit (DPU) will split the inpatient stays into behavioral health and physical health claims and submit the claims with the appropriate diagnosis code since there will be a separate Acute Care NPI and sub-Acute Care NPI that requires a discharge and an admit.
- Hospital providers without a Distinct Part Unit will submit a single claim with both physical health and behavioral health services to the Tailored Plan. Behavioral health and physical health services will be covered using the appropriate DRG methodology.

This reimbursement guidance follows an internal review of our State Plan Authority related to the hospital inpatient reimbursement plan (Attachment 4.19-A, page 7)

As stated in Attachment 4.19-A, page 7, of the State Plan Amendment, *Transfers occurring within general hospitals from acute care services to non-DPU psychiatric or rehabilitation services are not eligible for reimbursement under this Section. The entire hospital stay in these instances shall be reimbursed under the DRG methodology.*

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Provider reimbursement according to these guidelines will be enforced within 60 days of this notice. Providers with Distinct Part Units should ensure their NPIs are registered with the department in [NC Tracks](#) and put billing configurations in place to bill for services according to the manual's instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Provider Account Executive](#) or the Provider Services department at **1-888-738-0004**.

<sup>1</sup>Reprinted from: *NC Medicaid Managed Care Billing Guidance to Health Plans*, by North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/health-plan-billing-guide-version-33/download?attachment>.

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