

Medicaid

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Medicaid is a program whereby federal and state governments share the cost of providing approximately 58 million needy Americans with health care coverage. To qualify for the program, states must include hospital services, prevention services, skilled nursing and home health care coverage for adults, and prevention and treatment services for children.

Unlike Medicare, Medicaid has a state funding component and allows each state to write its own rules for medical coverage. Therefore, every state may define PA scope of practice and reimbursement rules.

State Specific Information

The Medicaid program in North Dakota asks that claims for services provided by PAs be submitted with the supervising physician's provider number and the U1 modifier. Claims are paid at 75 percent of the physician fee schedule. PAs may provide any covered service allowed by North Dakota state law as within a PA's scope of practice and may see patients (including on an initial visit) under general physician supervision. The physician does not need to be on-site while the PA renders care as long as he or she is available for telephone consultation). PAs are also covered for first assisting at surgery which is reimbursed at 75 percent of the amount a physician first assistant would be paid.

How can I obtain more information about Medicaid reimbursement in North Dakota?

More information about Medicaid reimbursement is available from the North Dakota Department of Human Services at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid or by calling 800/755-2604. The AAPA reimbursement office staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219 can also help answer questions about the Medicaid program.