



# NC DEPARTMENT OF **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

# COVID-19 Office Hours

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# Speakers for today's COVID-19 Forum

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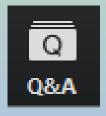
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# Logistics for today's COVID-19 Office Hours

Question during the live webinar



**Technical assistance** 

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# Payments **for COVID-19** Related Services for Uninsured North Carolina Residents

**COVID-19 Response** 

October 9, 2020





#### Program Overview

Many North Carolina residents have lost their health insurance due to the COVID-19 pandemic and still require healthcare



#### **Program Overview**



North Carolina developed a program to support uninsured North Carolina residents get access to healthcare for COVID-19 related needs



The program is aimed to quickly distribute reimbursement funds to primary care providers (PCP) who are providing COVID-19 related services to uninsured North Carolina residents



The program provides \$150 for each eligible claim to PCPs while the fund lasts or until 12/30/2020, whichever comes first

#### Primary Care Provider Process



Provides COVID-19 related services (e.g. follow-up appointments)



Confirms that resident has no other healthcare coverage (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare, or other health insurance) and completes the attestation form in NCTracks



Files reimbursement claim through NCTracks portal



Receives \$150 payment/encounter not per service

**IMPORTANT:** If you are attesting that you are not receiving any other funding to support the encounter, this includes copayment or any other forms of payment from the individual.

#### **NCTracks Attestation Statement**

By submitting this transaction to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, I attest that the service performed is accurately represented as shown, and the patient was uninsured and the service was a COVID-19 related primary care service. I further attest that claims have been either submitted to the HRSA portal and denied or were not submitted because they were ineligible for HRSA reimbursement. I understand this transaction is a request for payment from CARES Act funding and is subject to audit by the Office of the State Auditor and other oversight organizations.

#### **PCP** Responsibilities



Ensure practice is enrolled in NCTracks as a provider; If not already enrolled submit a MCR to enable enrollment



Hold previous and ongoing claims backdated as of September 1, 2020 until portal is live; Submit claims regularly when portal is live on October 30, 2020



Expect additional communications regarding the uninsured portal including an email announcement, Fact Sheet, webinar and training before and after October 30, 2020



Continue to check DHHS website for next steps, updates, and status of available funds

#### Uninsured Portal Comms. and Training High Level Timeline

### Key Audience:

- Providers
- Health Care Partners
- CCNC/AHEC
- LHDs
- CHWs

# Begin eligibility

Sept. 1

Eligible claims from Sept. 1, 2020 can be retroactively submitted for reimbursement

#### **Inform partners**

Sept. - Oct.

Inform providers via webinars: PCAC (9/18), Healthcare Coalition (10/7), AHEC Open House (10/9), CHW Vendor Meeting (10/28)

#### Open portal

Late Oct.

Portal opens late Oct. and providers can retroactively submit claims and regularly submit new claims

#### **End program**

Dec. 30

Program ends Dec. 30, 2020 or sooner if funds are depleted

## Announce program

Oct. 2

Send announcements to providers, healthcare partners, CCNC, AHEC and LHDs (e.g. DHHS Medicaid website updates, fact sheet, email announcement, special bulletin, NCTracks e-blast) about new program

#### Train users

Nov. 9 - 20

Conduct 6 training sessions to educate primary care practices on reimbursement process in NCTracks

### Remind providers

Nov. - Dec.

Send regular reminder emails to providers to submit claims and update website with status of available funds

#### Mass clinic guidance

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/mass-clinic-activities/index.html

**Considerations for Planning Curbside/Drive-Through Vaccination Clinics** 

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/downloads/curbside-vaccination-clinics.pdf

**Tools to Assist Satellite, Temporary, and Off-Site Vaccination Clinics** 

https://www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/influenza-workgroup/off-site-clinic-resources/

**Best practices checklist** 

https://www.izsummitpartners.org/content/uploads/2019/02/off-site-vaccination-clinic-checklist.pdf

**Resources for Developing Mass Vaccination Clinics** 

https://www.mass-vaccination-resources.org/

North Carolina Launches a Statewide COVID-19 Website

https://www.nc.gov/covid19

This website serves as a portal for all COVID-19 across state government.

https://www.ncahec.net/news/re
sources-and-courses-on-covid-19/



Antigen Testing update <a href="https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/Antigen-Provider-Update.pdf">https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/Antigen-Provider-Update.pdf</a>

Reporting Requirements <a href="https://cph.publichealth.nc.gov/Rules/EpiHealth/10A">https://cph.publichealth.nc.gov/Rules/EpiHealth/10A</a> NCAC 41A-0107.htm

Schools update (includes new testing recommendations/guidance <a href="https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance#schools">https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance#schools</a>