

RE: Third Party Service Providers for NC Child Medical Evaluation Program

Dear CMEP provider,

This letter is to clarify the reimbursement process for Child Medical Evaluations (CMEs) when Medicaid is NOT the primary insurance for the child. For children who have Medicaid as their primary insurance, please refer to the NC Medicaid Policy, 1A-5,¹ for expectations regarding reimbursement requests.

When a child has private insurance, no insurance and/or Medicaid as a secondary insurance, CMEP will submit claims for reimbursement to NC DHHS.² **As a reminder, all non-Medicaid requests for reimbursement need to be submitted to the CMEP office within 2 months of the date of services.** This includes all reimbursement requests such as reimbursement for laboratory studies, radiology studies and/or provider time. **As outlined in your letter of agreement with CMEP, we are not able to authorize reimbursement for services submitted more than 2 months after the date of service.**

For providers who use third party service providers, CMEP does not have a contract with those service providers. CMEP will reimburse the third party service provider if claims for reimbursement are submitted to CMEP within 2 months of the date of service. Any claims submitted more than 2 months after the date of service are ineligible for payment by CMEP and may become the responsibility of the provider and/or provider's agency for payment.

If you are working with third party service providers, please ensure clarity regarding your agreement with CMEP. Please direct any questions to the CMEP office at the number noted above.

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¹ <https://files.nc.gov/ncdma/documents/files/1A-5.pdf>

² <https://www.med.unc.edu/cmep/billing/>