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MEMO

To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners
From: Alyssa Harris, Public Health Director
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Date: February 23, 2023

Re: Rowan County Health Department – FY22-23 Clinical Fee Schedule Updates

Situation:

The Rowan County Health Department Personal Health Services Fee Schedule is updated annually. Based on new information received, updates to the Fee Schedule were needed regarding Medicaid and customary costs.

Background:

The 340B program provides discounted medications and devices to our low-income and uninsured patients. After discussion with NC DHHS Nurse Consultants, we updated the fee schedule to reflect more appropriate 340B language and to include usual and customary fees. Also, since presenting the fee schedule in November 2022, the approval of new COVID vaccines occurred.

Assessment:

For 340B medications and devices we will no longer list prices annually, we will monitor the pricing with each purchase and adjust the master fee schedule in the EMR accordingly. We will follow the statement "340B drugs and devices, differentiated with the UD modifier, are billed to NC Medicaid at the acquisition/purchase cost paid by the Local Health Department." We are implementing usual and customary fees for private insurance billing purposes of 340B medications and devices. The 340B program is intended for low-income and uninsured; however, we can bill private insurance above the purchase price to recoup costs and maintain the program. We added the newly approved bivalent COVID boosters for five and under to the fee schedule at \$65. The price point is based on the Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Recommendations:

The Rowan County Board of Health approved the fee schedule at the meeting on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023. The votes included: Judy Klusman, County Commissioner; Dari Caldwell, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Amy Wilson, Board of Health Vice Chair; Carla Rose, Public Member; John Thomason, Public Member; Giles Goodman, Engineer; Dr. Mike Fuller, Pharmacist; and Dr. Corrie Connolly, Veterinarian. All were in agreement.

The Rowan County Board of Health respectfully requests Board of Commissioner's approval of the updated clinical fee schedule.