

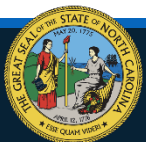
Connecting Communities & Medicaid Session #4

April 8, 2026



Connecting Communities and Medicaid (CCM)

- H.R. 1 – Qualified Non-citizen Changes (Gina Hamilton)
- Review Draft Notice (Kathy Batton)
- Suggestions, Questions and Answers (Kathy Batton)
- Closing (Monica F. Johnson)



H.R. 1- Qualified Non-citizen

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H.R. 1 Qualified Non-citizen Changes

Impacts to Medicaid

- H.R. 1 impacts the Medicaid eligibility of qualified non-citizens and lawfully residing non-citizens.
- Beginning Oct. 1, 2026, only the following non-citizens will remain eligible for federally-funded Medicaid coverage:
 - Lawful permanent residents (LPRs), after the five-year waiting period shows the person held a qualified immigration status for five years before applying for Medicaid
 - Cuban/Haitian entrants
 - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants
 - Lawfully residing children and/or pregnant individuals under CHIPRA 214.
- All other non-citizens will be eligible for Emergency Medicaid.



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Impacts to the Marketplace

H.R. 1 also impacts the coverage available via the Marketplace for lawfully present non-citizens. The following changes take effect Jan. 1, 2027

- Individuals with income less than 100% of the federal poverty limit who are ineligible for Medicaid due to their immigration status cannot enroll in Marketplace coverage.
- Only the following non-citizens (reflecting the same Medicaid regulations) with income between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty limit can receive subsidized Marketplace coverage. This includes:
 - Lawful permanent residents (LPRs)
 - Cuban/Haitian entrants
 - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants



Closing

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Expand our Network

Feel free to invite community partners to join the workgroup! Check the chat for the survey link, which will also be included in the meeting notes.

[CCM Interest Form](#)



Additional Questions?

Contact us at:

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

NC Medicaid understands that together, we can create meaningful impact and improve health outcomes for all Medicaid beneficiaries.

