



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

JOSH STEIN • Governor
DEVPUTTA SANGVAI • Secretary
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February 19, 2026

RE: Blanket Waiver for January and February 2026 Medicaid Application Report Card

Dear County Directors of Social Services:

On Jan. 29, 2026, Governor Josh Stein declared a state of emergency for North Carolina, effective Jan. 30 through Feb. 20, 2026, due to a winter storm. The purpose of this letter is to inform local agencies NC Medicaid will issue a blanket waiver for Medicaid Application Report Card failures for the months of January and February 2026.

Due to counties not being able to process January and February applications in a timely manner, NC Medicaid determined the waiver is warranted. All counties are included in the state emergency declaration and do not need to submit any waiver requests.

If you have any questions regarding this material, contact your Medicaid Operational Support Team (OST) Representative.

Sincerely,

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