

**PUBLIC NOTICE
(NC-Health Choice)**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the North Carolina Health Choice state plan pages to make the following changes.

- To add the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) an entity (referred to as “federally recognized tribe”) able to perform the functions currently assigned to local county divisions of social services in the administration of the North Carolina Health Choice program, including North Carolina Health Choice eligibility determination, and administrative services.
- To establish the co-payment for nonemergency visits to the emergency room for children whose family income is at or below 150% of the federal level at \$10.00
- To establish the co-payment for nonemergency visits to the emergency room for children whose family income is between 151% and 200% of the federal poverty level at \$25.00.
- To establish for families covered under the Program whose family income is above 150% of the federal poverty level a \$20.00 co-payment each emergency room visit.

This amendment will become effective October 1, 2015. The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is:

- a. SFY 2015 \$0.00
- b. SFY 2016 \$0.00

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Medical Assistance at the address listed below:

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