

# NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## *Abbreviated Public Notice for Section 1115 Waiver Amendment*

March 31, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE. *This abbreviated public notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed amendment to North Carolina’s Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver.***

North Carolina’s current Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver approval authorizes significant transformations of North Carolina’s Medicaid delivery systems through a mandatory managed care program, Healthy Opportunities Pilots and expenditure authority for substance use disorder treatment in institutions for mental diseases. The demonstration aims to advance integrated high-value care, improve population health, engage and support providers and establish a more sustainable program with more predictable costs.

While the demonstration was scheduled to launch in November 2019, core components were delayed until mid-2023 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and state budgetary challenges. Accordingly, NCDHHS’ objectives in amending its 1115 demonstration reflect how the design and rollout of NC Medicaid transformation evolved over the past several years and allow for full implementation and evaluation of key elements of the demonstration, as originally envisioned under North Carolina’s 2019 demonstration approval.

This amendment request is to temporarily extend the North Carolina Section 1115 Demonstration Project for Residential and Inpatient Treatment for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD). There are no other requested changes to the currently approved demonstration.

Electronic copies of this abbreviated and the full public notice and proposed waiver amendment are available on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid website at [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design](https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design).

Written comments may be sent to the following address; please indicate “NC Section 1115 Waiver” in the written message:

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
NC Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Team  
1950 Mail Service Center Raleigh  
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Comments may also be emailed to [Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov). Please indicate “NC Section 1115 Waiver” in the subject line of the email message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of this amendment, comments must be received by 5 p.m. (ET) on May 21, 2023.

North Carolina will also host two public hearings to seek input regarding the amendment. Hearings will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5 p.m. (ET) and Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The public hearings will include presentations describing the proposed changes and opportunities for public testimony. Registration for the public hearings is available online at [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design](https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design)

For more information about NC Medicaid Managed Care transformation, visit [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation](https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation).