

Fact Sheet

NC Medicaid

NC Health Choice Move to Medicaid

Children currently enrolled in NC Health Choice will be moved to NC Medicaid on April 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Currently, North Carolina has two similar, but different, programs that offer medical coverage for eligible children – NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice. A provision included in the North Carolina state budget, approved in July 2022, directed the Department of Health and Human Services to move NC Health Choice beneficiaries from the NC Health Choice program to the Medicaid program.

WHO IS MOVING AND WHEN?

Approximately 55,000 NC Health Choice beneficiaries will move to Medicaid on April 1, 2023.

DO BENEFICIARIES NEED TO DO ANYTHING?

NC Health Choice beneficiaries will automatically be transferred to the Medicaid program. Beneficiaries do not have to take any action on their own for the change to take effect.

With the move to Medicaid, NC Health Choice beneficiaries will keep their Medicaid ID number and should keep using their current ID card until they get their new Medicaid ID card in the mail.

Beneficiaries in the NC Health Choice program cannot opt out of moving to the Medicaid program. NC Health Choice will no longer be an offered program, beginning April 1, 2023.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS CHANGE?

With NC Medicaid beneficiaries will:

- Have more health care providers to choose from
- Be eligible for [Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment \(EPSDT\)](#), a benefit designed to discover and treat health conditions before they become serious
- No longer have enrollment fees or copays
- Have pregnancy and 12-month postpartum coverage
- Be eligible for [Non-Emergency Medical Transportation \(NEMT\)](#) for Medicaid-covered services

WHAT DO PROVIDERS NEED TO DO?

- Providers enrolled in **both** NC Health Choice and NC Medicaid will not need to do anything
- Providers who are enrolled **only** in NC Health Choice will need to enroll in Medicaid to continue serving these beneficiaries
- Providers should continue to verify a beneficiary's eligibility through NCTracks with their Medicaid ID number

