NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Clinical Coverage Policy and 1915(c) Waiver Updates

NC Medicaid Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Traumatic Brain Injury(TBI) Services

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AGENDA

1. Session Law 2025-37 (House Bill 67), Part IX Overview
2. Proposed Waiver and Clinical Coverage Policy Updates
3. Next Steps and Contact Information

Session Law 2025-37 (House Bill 67)

S.L. 2025-37 (H.B. 67), Part IX
Community College Behavioral Health Workforce Enhancement

New Staff Qualification Pathway: Updates definitions for Associate Professionals (AP) and Qualified Professionals (QP) to include the human services associate degree pathway with required experience.

These changes impact some NC Medicaid I/DD and TBI services.

H.B. 67 PART IX. COMMUNITY COLLEGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT

SECTION 9.1.(a) Definitions. – For the purposes of this act, the following definitions apply: (1) Associate Professional (AP). – As defined in 10A NCAC 27G .0104(1). (2) Commission. – Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. (3) Qualified Professional. – As defined in 10A NCAC 27G .0104(21). (4) Qualified Substance Abuse Prevention Professional (QSAPP). – As defined in 10A NCAC 27G .0104(22). (5) Staff Definitions Rule. – 10A NCAC 27G .0104 (Staff Definitions).

SECTION 9.1.(b) Staff Definitions Rule. – Until the effective date of the revised permanent rule that the Commission is required to adopt pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, the Commission shall implement the Staff Definitions Rule as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

SECTION 9.1.(c) Implementation. – With respect to the definitions of "Associate Professional (AP)," "Qualified Professional," and "Qualified Substance Abuse Prevention Professional (QSAPP)," the Staff Definitions Rule shall be implemented to provide the following new qualification for each term, in addition to current qualifications, for each definition, respectively:

(1) Associate Professional (AP). – May be a graduate of a community college with an associate degree in a human services field with less than two years of experience with the population served.

(2) Qualified Professional. – May be a graduate of a community college with an associate degree in a human services field and has two years of full-time or pre- or post-associate degree accumulated supervised mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services experience with the population served.

(3) Qualified Substance Abuse Prevention Professional (QSAPP). – May be a graduate of a community college with an associate degree in the human services field and has two years of full-time or pre- or post-associate degree accumulated supervised experience in addictions and recovery prevention.

SECTION 9.1.(d) Additional Implementation. – With respect to the definition of "Qualified Substance Abuse Prevention Professional (QSAPP)," the Staff Definitions Rule shall be implemented to provide for accumulated supervised experience in substance abuse prevention prior to the completion of a bachelor's degree to qualify for each pathway under 10A NCAC 27G .0104(22)a. through d.

SECTION 9.1.(e) Additional Rulemaking Authority. – The Commission shall adopt a rule to amend the Staff Definitions Rule consistent with subsections (c) and (d) of this section. House Bill 67 Session Law 2025-37 Page 47 Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

SECTION 9.1.(f) Conforming Rule Changes. – The Commission shall amend any additional rules under Subchapter 27G of Title 10A of the North Carolina Administrative Code prior to submission to the Rules Review Commission, necessary to implement the provisions of this act. SECTION 9.1.(g) Sunset. – This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d) of this section become effective. SECTION 9.2. This Part is effective when it becomes law.

Source: S.L. 2025-37

1915(c) NC Innovations and TBI Waiver Amendments

Updated Sections

- Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility
- Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery
- Appendix C: Participant Services

Qualified Professionals employed by a provider agency must meet competencies in accordance with NCAC 27G .0104 and may meet requirements in accordance with the General Assembly of North Carolina Session Law 2025-37 (House Bill 67).

Qualified professionals providing Tailored Care Management and leading the person-centered planning process must meet the requirements of 10A NCAC 27G.0104 (21) (a), (b), (c), or (d).

NC Innovations 8P Clinical Coverage Policy Updates

Policy Updates

Qualified Professional Updates	Waiver Limit Increase
Tailored Care Management	New Services Existing Services Updates
Remote Monitoring and Telehealth	Relative as Providers
Individual and Family Directed Services	Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)
Slot Allocation and Reserve Capacity	Home and Community-Based Setting Requirements

1915(i) Clinical Coverage Policy Updates

8H-1, 1915(i) Supported Employment for I/DD and TBI
8H-5, 1915(i) Community Living and Supports

Updated Sections:
5.4 Service Order
6.1 Provider Qualifications and Occupational Licensing Entity Regulations
6.2.1 Staff Requirements

A signed service order must be completed by one of the following per their scope of practice:
~~qualified professional~~; tailored care manager, health plan care manager, or health plan care coordinator;

Qualified professional providing supervision of services: meet the requirements according to 10A NCAC 27G .0104. and in accordance with North Carolina Session Law 2025-37 (House Bill 67).

Additional Changes in 8H-1:
- EPSDT exclusion
- Provider national accreditation requirements
- EIPD documentation requirement clarification for admission criteria (8H-1 only)

8E, ICF/IID Clinical Coverage Policy Updates

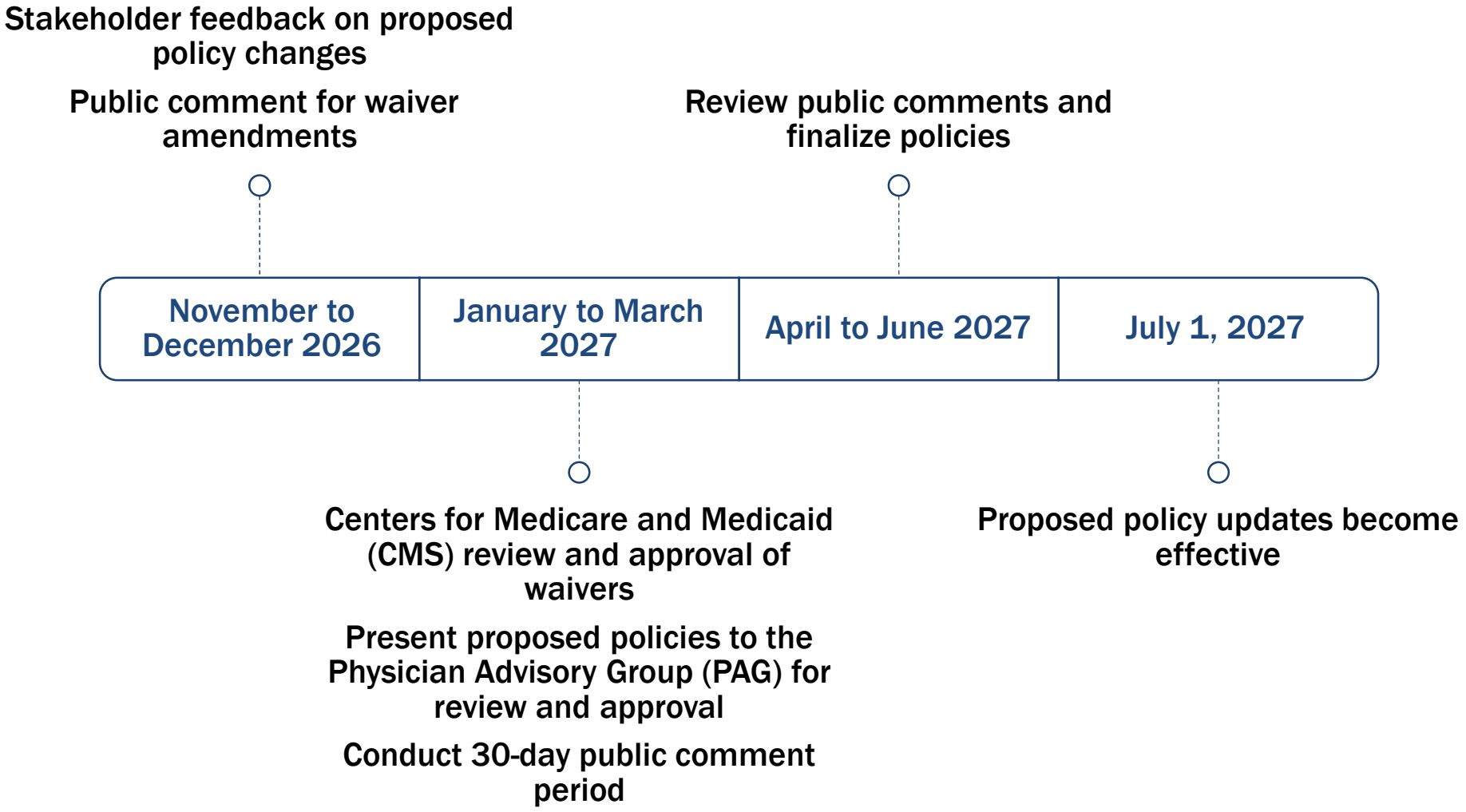
8E- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Updated Section:
5.3 Comprehensive Functional Assessment

Criteria for qualified professional responsible for revising the Individual Program Plan (IPP) must align with federal regulations.

42 CFR § 483.430 Condition of participation: Facility staffing.
(a) ***Standard: Qualified intellectual disability professional.*** Each client's active treatment program must be integrated, coordinated and monitored by a qualified intellectual disability professional who—
(1) Has at least one year of experience working directly with persons with intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities; and
(2) Is one of the following:
(i) A doctor of medicine or osteopathy.
(ii) A registered nurse.
(iii) An individual who holds at least a bachelor's degree in a professional category specified in paragraph (b)(5) of this section.

Next Steps: Proposed Timeline



Questions and Contact





Please provide feedback by 11/18/2026:
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