



**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #226: Permanent Changes Made for Public Health Emergency Flexibilities and Plan for Sunsetting of Temporary Policies](#)**

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

Certain COVID-19 Flexibilities implemented by NC Medicaid under State Authority will end as of March 31, 2022

**[Tailored Care Management Updates – Jan. 28, 2022](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

Provider manual updated, guidance on the use of extenders, updated rate guidance and webinar series FAQs.

**[Tailored Care Management Update: AMH+/CMA Certification Round Two Desk Reviews Completed](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

Desk reviews of round two AMH+ practices/ CMAs provider applications are completed and 32 providers advanced to the site review stage.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #225: Update on Direct Care Worker ICF-IID Wage Increase](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

Update to Special Bulletin COVID-19 #213: Direct Care Worker ICF-IID Wage Increase. Please review the updated bulletin in its entirety for details.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #224: Update on Direct Care Worker Bonus and Wage Increase Initiative](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

Changes to details regarding eligibility, timelines and provider requirements

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #223: Omicron Surge Flexibilities](#)**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

Additional flexibilities to support hospitals

**[NC Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update – Jan. 27, 2022](#)**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

Upcoming Key Milestones, Playbook Updates, COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program, Provider Authorizations, Provider Ombudsman and more.

**[Patient Risk List Updates for Advanced Medical Homes Tier 3 Not Participating in Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\)](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

The following guidance applies to AMH Tier 3 practices not participating in the NC Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) pilot project.

**[North Carolina Standard & Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy Requirement](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

Tobacco-related policy requirements go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022.

**[NC Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Pilot Begins](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

NCDHHS launched the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) pilot program in Alamance, Orange, Durham, Granville and Vance counties.



**[Guidance for Nursing Facilities Admitting Beneficiaries Assigned to a Prepaid Health Plan](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

Under NC Medicaid Managed Care, the nursing facility level of care is approved by the Medicaid beneficiary's assigned PHP.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #221: Status of Federal Vaccine Mandates](#)**

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

Interim Final Rule Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #220: Temporary Rate Increases Extended or Replaced](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

Update on temporary rates that are extending or being replaced with permanent, legislated increases.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #219: Over-the-Counter Tests for Home Use](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

Pharmacies can bill for FDA-approved in-home tests.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #218: Direct Care Worker Eligibility Portal](#)**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

The Eligibility Portal is now available for registration and submission.

**[Ranibizumab Injection for Intravitreal Use Via Ocular Implant \(Susvimo™\) HCPCS Code J3590: Billing Guidelines](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

Effective with date of service Dec. 1, 2021, Medicaid and NC Health Choice cover ranibizumab injection for intravitreal use via ocular implant.

**[Quarterly HCPCS Code Update Jan. 1, 2022](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

Effective with the date of service Jan. 1, 2022, CMS has added new HCPCS codes, deleted others and changed the description of some existing codes.

**[Quality Measurement Technical Specifications Manual](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

Provides an overview of the Department's plans for promoting high-quality care through managed care and provides specific details to the measurement for the goals and objectives of the Department's Quality Strategy.

**[Closure of Tear Duct Using Plug; CPT Code 68761: Billing Guidelines](#)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

Medicaid requires claims for CPT code 68761 be billed with one of four modifiers.

**[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #217: Third Dose of Pfizer-BioN Tech Vaccine for Children Ages 5-11](#)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Certain immunocompromised children will qualify for third dose of Pfizer-BioN Tech Vaccine



[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #216: Pharmacies Will Cover Oral Tablets \(Paxlovid and Molnupiravir\)\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Oral tablets covered for those in a home setting

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #215: NC Medicaid COVID-19 Omicron Surge Flexibilities\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Additional information to what was published in COVID-19 #210

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #214: Direct Care Worker HCBS Wage Increase\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Eligible direct care workers to receive wage increase from eligible HCBS providers

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #213: Direct Care Worker ICF-IID Wage Increase\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Jan. 28, 2022. Updated to include per diem rate increase and changes to the for submission of baseline wage data requirement regarding eligible direct care worker wage increase from eligible ICF-IID providers.

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #212: Direct Care Worker and Support Staff One-Time Bonus\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

Eligible direct care workers to receive one-time bonus from eligible providers

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #211: Pfizer-BioNTech Booster Dose: Minimum Age Change; Permission to Administer Five Months Post-Second Dose\*\*](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

FDA has expanded the use of single booster dose to include ages 12-15.

[\*\*New Legislation Waives \\$100 Medicaid and NC Health Choice Provider Enrollment Fee\*\*](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Effective Jan 9, 2022, NCTracks will no longer require Medicaid and NC Health Choice providers to pay the \$100 NC application fee with enrollment and reverification applications.

[\*\*New Dashboard Tracks NC Medicaid Managed Care Claim Denials\*\*](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Since the launch of NC Medicaid Managed Care on July 1, 2021, providers have submitted claims to the prepaid health plans (PHPs) for services provided to beneficiaries who are enrolled with that PHP.

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #210: NC Medicaid Omicron COVID-19 Surge\*\*](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 07, 2022

Reinstatement of temporary suspension of prior authorization for inpatient rehabilitation hospital and long-term care hospital admissions under NC Medicaid Managed Care.



[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #209: HCPCS Code Q0220: Billing Guidelines for Tixagevimab and Cilgavimab, Copackaged as Evusheld\*\*](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 06, 2022

Emergency use of Evusheld approved by FDA

[\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #208: Amended Outpatient Billing Guidance for Vaccine and Monoclonal Antibody Administration\*\*](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 06, 2022

Providers should bill with Revenue Code 0771 instead of Revenue Code 0261 on future claims for the vaccine and monoclonal antibody administration services.

[\*\*Fact Sheets Available for Children and Youth Transitioning to Foster Care\*\*](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 06, 2022

Fact sheets that address questions related to the Standard Plan disenrollment process for children in foster care are now available.

[\*\*Healthy Opportunities Pilots Service Delivery Launch Date: Update\*\*](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 03, 2022

On Dec. 20, 2021, the Department announced that the Healthy Opportunities Pilot will shift the start of Pilot service delivery from Feb. 1, 2022 to March 15, 2022. The Department will now take a phased approach to launching Healthy Opportunities Pilot services in all three Pilot regions.