

Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid)
PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS (SPAs) and WAIVERS LIST

SPA COUNT	SPA #	NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	DESCRIPTION	CMS DEADLINE	RECEIVED AT CMS	APPROVED DATE
1	22-0004	Medical Home Management Fees	1/1/2022	The intent of the SPA is to increase the per member per month management fees for Carolina ACCESS/AMH tier 1, 2, and 3 practices with assigned Tailored Care Management-eligible beneficiaries. For primary care providers with assigned Tailored Care Management eligible beneficiaries, the payments will change from \$2.50 for non-Aged, Blind and Disabled/\$5.00 for Aged, Blind and Disabled beneficiaries to \$20 regardless of Age, Blind and Disabled status.	3/31/2022	3/29/2022	Pending
2		Medically Monitored Inpat Withdrawal Services	Pending	The purpose of this SPA is to update Non-Hospital Medical Detoxification to Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Services to align with The ASAM Criteria.		Pending	Pending
3		Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Services	Pending	The purpose of this SPA is to add Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal services to the State Plan and be a service covered by Medicaid.		Pending	Pending
4		(ICF-IID) Rates Increase		The SPA will increase rates for (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes, enrolled in the Medicaid or NC Health Choice program. This rate increase will be implemented as intended by the General Assembly to assist in increasing the hourly wages of direct care workers in this State towards a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour.	Pending	Pending	Pending
5	22-0026	1915 (i) option	12/1/2022	NC Medicaid uses 1915(b)(3) authority to cover a set of home and community-based services (HCBS) provided by LME/MCOs to Medicaid beneficiaries with significant behavioral health needs, I/DDs, and TBI. With the managed care transition to a Section 1115 demonstration, NC Medicaid will no longer be able to use the 1915(b)(3) authority to cover these HCBS. As a result, NC Medicaid is requesting CMS approval for the implementation of 1915 (i) option services.	12/31/2022	10/24/2022	Pending
6	22-0024	Tailored Care Management - Health Home	12/1/2022	This State Plan Amendment authorizes North Carolina's Health Home benefit, called Tailored Care Management. The Health Home benefit will be available to NC Medicaid beneficiaries with a significant behavioral health condition (including both mental health and severe substance use disorders), intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD), or traumatic brain injury (TBI).	12/31/2022	9/16/2022	Pending
7	22-0035	Skilled Nursing Facility Provider Tax Assessment Structure	11/1/2022	The purpose of this SPA is to revise the Skilled Nursing Facility reimbursement section in Attachment 4.19-D of the Medicaid State Plan. This amendment will modify the structure of the existing provider assessment on nursing facility services. Additionally, the modification will provide state authority to reinvest the additional provider tax collections and associated federal matching dollars into an increase in Medicaid rates for nursing facilities.	12/31/2022	12/30/2022	Pending
8	23-0001	Estate Recovery	1/1/2023	This amendment will modify the structure of the existing provider assessment on nursing facility services. Additionally, the modification will allow state authority to reinvest the additional provider tax collections and associated federal matching dollars into an increase in Medicaid rates for nursing facilities.	12/21/2022	12/30/2022	Pending
9	23-0002	ED Bed Holds	3/1/2023	The purpose of this SPA is to reimburse Hospitals licensed by the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise noted in the state plan, for outpatient hospital behavioral health services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries awaiting hospital discharge to a more appropriate setting in accordance with Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy. The state-developed fee schedule for Emergency Department Bed Hold rates is the same for both governmental and private providers of BH services to beneficiaries awaiting hospital discharge.	3/31/2023	2/27/2023	Pending
10	23-0003	Home Health EVV	2/1/2023	The purpose of this SPA is to increase Home Health Medicaid rates by ten percent (10%) above the rate in effect. This increase is mandated by Section 12006 1903(l) of the 21st Century CURES Act and is intended to assist Home Health providers with the added costs associated with the implementation of the federally required EVV system. IHS providers who offer Home Health Services are required to meet the EVV criteria under the CURES Act.	3/31/2023	2/28/2023	Pending
11	23-0004	8B- Inpatient Behavioral Health Services	4/1/2023	This State Plan change will allow Medicaid to contract with providers of inpatient behavioral health service providers who meet CMS conditions of participation. Requirements regarding accreditation will be addressed in Clinical Coverage Policy 8B - Inpatient Behavioral Health Services. This change will allow new providers time to obtain their accreditation through an approved accreditation organization thereby increasing access to services.	6/30/2023	2/14/2023	Pending
12	23-0005	COVID PCS and SNF rates Disaster	Pending	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) is to implement COVID PCS and SNF rates effective 1/1/2023.	Pending	Pending	Pending
13	23-0006	Opioid Treatment Program	4/1/2023	This SPA will allow Medicaid to reimburse for Opioid Treatment Program services provided to individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder.	6/30/2023	Pending	Pending
14	23-0007	Dental Services	3/1/2023, through 6/30/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) is to temporarily increase the current fee schedule rate for Dental Procedure Code D9230 (Inhalation of Nitrous Oxide/Analgesia, Anxiolysis) by 40%.	6/30/2023	Pending	Pending
15		CHIP Health Service Initiatives	7/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) is to implement two Health Service Initiatives (HSI) that will create a Breastfeeding Hotline to provide support to all North Carolina families, and a Substance Use and Parenting Intervention Health Service Initiative, to address the social and health challenges that are associated with families and addiction.	9/30/2023	Pending	Pending
16		Physician Telephonic	1 day after end of PHE	The purpose of this SPA is to maintain coverage of Telehealth audio-only codes 99441, 99442 and 99443 after the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).	6/30/2023	Pending	Pending
17		CHIP Move to Medicaid	4/1/2023	This State Plan Amendment (SPA) describes the move of North Carolina Health Choice (SCHIP) to Medicaid (MCHIP). It describes how Medicaid services will be expanded solely for children under SL 2022-74, House Bill 103.	6/30/2023	Pending	Pending
18		Medicaid Merger	4/1/2023	Per NC Session Law 2021 HB 747, NCDHHS will merge the NC Health Choice Children's Health Insurance Program with the North Carolina Medicaid Program. There will no longer be a separate CHIP program. NC is expanding the M-CHIP for all children 0 to under age 19, whose income exceeds 133% and is equal to or less than 211% of the federal poverty level, who are otherwise eligible, will be covered under the M-CHIP category and receive the full scope of Medicaid covered services. These children will not be subject to copays, cost sharing or enrollment fees.	6/30/2023	Pending	Pending

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1			10/1/2022	Community Alternatives Program for Medically Fragile Children - HCBS waiver	Pending	Pending	Pending
2			4/1/2023	1915(b) Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver Amendment for Tailored Plan Launch	Pending	Pending	Pending
3			4/1/2023	1915(C) NC Innovations Waiver Amendment for Tailored Plan Launch	Pending	Pending	Pending
4			4/1/2023	1915(C) NC TBI waiver amendment for Tailored Plan Launch	Pending	Pending	Pending