

## NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

**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, the 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-2021 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.

In addition to minor technical changes, key amendment requests include 1) extend the end date of the managed care components to June 30, 2026 (from October 31, 2024); 2) adjust the coverage approach under the Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plans to include certain populations; 3) remove most dual eligible populations from the demonstration so individuals continue to receive coverage through their current delivery system; 4) modify the Healthy Opportunities Pilots implementation to a) add a limited set of new populations now and in the future, b) extend the time that Pilot capacity building funds can be spent; and 5) migrate operational detail from demonstration special terms and conditions into a different attachment.

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

North Carolina will host webinar-based public hearings about the amendment:

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, 5 p.m. Eastern**

Registration required: [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design](https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/proposed-program-design)

**Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at 10:30 Eastern**

Webinar dial-in information: [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/mcac](https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/mcac)

No registration required.

Public comments on the amendment can be submitted through 5 p.m. Eastern on Dec. 27, 2021:

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