

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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James Scott, Director Division of Program Operations Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 601 East 12th Street Room 355 Kansas City, Missouri 64106

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act Transmittal

#2022-0005

Dear Mr. Scott:

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The amendment requests disaster relief for North Carolina's Medicaid Program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The federal statute/regulation citation is based on the emergency proclamation issued by the President consistent with sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, and subsequently through the powers invoked by the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Social Security Act.

This state plan amendment will allow Medicaid to request authority for two changes to the NC Medicaid State Plan. First, the SPA will increase the reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters from \$40 to \$65, effective back to April 1, 2021. Secondly, the SPA will allow pharmacists to administer Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs) therapy for COVID-19 to possibly avoid hospitalization. This part of the amendment would be effective as of September 30, 2021.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Betty J. Staton at 919-538-3215.



Kody H. Kinsley Secretary

**Enclosures**