

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

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1	23-0017	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	6/26/2023	Pending
2	23-0021	Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	7/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment is to revise the RHC reimbursement methodology to include (a) a cost based Prospective Payment System (PPS) Alternate Payment Methodology (APM) which is rebased triennially beginning with 2021 cost reports and utilizing 113% of allowable costs (b) adopts an inflation factor which is the greater of the FQHC Market Basket or the CPI Medical index, and (c) allows transition to a real time wrap payment process with Managed Care encounters.	9/30/2023	9/29/2023	Pending
3	23-0022	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	7/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment is to revise the FQHC reimbursement methodology to include (a) a cost based Prospective Payment System (PPS) Alternate Payment Methodology (APM) which is rebased triennially beginning with 2021 cost reports and utilizing 113% of allowable costs (b) adopts an inflation factor which is the greater of the FQHC Market Basket or the CPI Medical index, and (c) allows transition to a real time wrap payment process with Managed Care encounters.	9/30/2023	9/29/2023	Pending
4	23-0037	Home Health Services	10/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment is to align with 42 CFR 440.70 after the Public Health Emergency. Home health services are provided by Medicare Certified Home Health Agencies under a plan of care authorized in accordance with 42 CFR 440.70.	12/30/2023	12/28/2023	Pending
5	23-0039	Enhanced Medical Home Payments	10/1/2023	The purpose of the State Plan Amendment is to revise 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 revert to \$2.50 for non-Aged, Blind and Disabled/\$3.00 for Aged, Blind and Disabled beneficiaries and no longer provide the \$20 payment regardless of Age, Blind and Disabled status.	12/30/2023	12/5/2023	Pending
6	23-0042	HIV Medicaid Co-Pay	11/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) is to exempt antiretroviral (ARV) medications used to treat HIV for the purpose of reducing viral load from Medicaid co-payments. These medications currently require a co-payment of \$4 per prescription.	12/30/2023	11/30/2023	2/27/2024
7	23-0044	PDN-EPSDT	10/1/2023	The SPA is for adding of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) language to the Private Duty Nursing (PDN) page of the SPA. Pursuant to section 1905(r)(5) of the Social Security Act. The addition of the EPSDT language to the PDN page of the SPA clarifies that the 112 Hours per week limit of PDN services for children under the age 21.	12/30/2023	11/28/2023	Pending
8	23-0048	Personal Needs Allowance Increase	1/1/2024	This state plan change will increase the personal needs allowance for individual Medicaid recipients who are institutionalized from thirty dollars (\$30.00) to seventy dollars (\$70.00) and from sixty dollars (\$60.00) to one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) for married couples who are Medicaid recipients when both spouses are institutionalized.	3/29/2024	12/28/2023	2/9/2024
9	24-0012	PADP Rate Revision	1/1/2024	This amendment removes language that set PADP reimbursement prices in 2015 and allows for rates to be updated quarterly.	3/29/2024	Pending	Pending
10	23-0047	Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE)	12/1/2023	The purpose of this State Plan Amendment is to include the adult expansion group in the Hospital Presumptive eligibility determination who meet the following criteria: 19- to 64- years-old , Not pregnant, Not eligible for Medicare Part A or B, Not eligible for Medicaid under other mandatory eligibility groups, Have a household income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level.	12/30/2023	12/28/2023	Pending
11	23-0049	Medicaid Postpartum Proxy Methodology	12/1/2023	The purpose of this SPA is to allow North Carolina to effectuate the claiming of the enhanced Medicaid expansion federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for those eligible for coverage under the 12-month Medicaid postpartum coverage extension but who otherwise qualify under Medicaid expansion coverage.	12/30/2023	12/28/2023	2/7/2024
12	24-0001	<u>Assertive Community Treatment</u>	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Assertive Community Treatment services: Assertive Community Treatment (H0040)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
13	24-0002	<u>Behavioral Health Long Term Residential</u>	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Behavioral Health Long-Term Residential services: ●HRI Residential Level I TFC (H0046) ●HRI Residential Level II Group Home (H2020) ●HRI Residential Level II TFC (S5145) ●HRI Residential Level III & IV (H0019)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
14	24-0003	<u>Community Support Team</u>	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Community Support Team services: ●Community Support Team (H2015)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
15	24-0004	Crisis Services	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply rate increases defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Crisis Services: Inflationary Increase ●Mobile Crisis Management (H2011) ●Facility-Based Crisis - Adults (S9484) ●Facility-Based Crisis - Adolescent (S9484 HA) Increase to 100% of Medicare ●Psychotherapy for Crisis (90839-90840)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
16	24-0005	Intensive In-Home Services	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Intensive In-Home Services: ●Intensive In-Home Services (H2022)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending

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17	24-0006	Multi-Systemic Therapy	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Multi-Systemic Therapy services: The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply rate increases defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Outpatient Behavioral Health psychiatry services: Increase to 100% of Medicare Office visit E&M codes - Psychiatrists and Psychiatric NPs (99201-99255, 99304-99337, 99341-99350) Increase to 120% of Medicare Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (90791-90792)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
18	24-0007	Outpatient Behavioral Health - Psychiatry	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply rate increases defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Outpatient Behavioral Health psychiatry services: Increase to 100% of Medicare Office visit E&M codes - Psychiatrists and Psychiatric NPs (99201-99255, 99304-99337, 99341-99350) Increase to 120% of Medicare Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (90791-90792)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
19	24-0008	Outpatient Behavioral Health - Psychotherapy	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply rate increases defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Outpatient Behavioral Health psychotherapy services: Increase to 100% of Medicare /Interactive Complexity Add-on (90785) /Psychotherapy (90832-90838) /Brief Interventions - Tobacco Cessation (99406-99407) /Brief Interventions - SBIRT (99408-99409) /Family/Group Therapy (90846-90853) /Electroconvulsive Therapy (90870) /Therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic injection (96372) Increase to 120% of Medicare -Developmental/Psychological Testing and Evaluation (96110-96146) /Inflationary Increase -Diagnostic Assessment (TI023) /RBI-BHT (97151-97157)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
20	24-0009	Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment services: ●Partial Hospitalization (H0035) ●Child and Adolescent Day Treatment (H2012)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
21	24-0010	Peer Support	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Peer Support services: ●Peer Support Services (H0038)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
22	24-0011	Psychosocial Rehabilitation	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply an inflationary rate increase defined by the Division of Health Benefits and supported by the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (SL 2023-134) House Bill 259 to the following Psychosocial Rehabilitation services: ●Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (H2017)	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
23	24-0012	Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) Rate Revision	1/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to removes language that set PADP reimbursement prices in 2015 and allows for rates to be updated quarterly.	3/28/2024	1/30/2024	Pending
24	24-0013	Single State Agency-FFM Determination	1/1/2024	This state plan change will delegate authority to the Federal Marketplace to determine eligibility for individuals whose eligibility is determined following MAGI budgeting methodology. This SPA change will also delegate appeal authority for FFM determinations.	3/28/2024	2/28/2024	Pending
25	24-0014	Health Home (Tailored Care Management)	2/1/2024	The state seeks to amend the Health Home SPA previously reviewed in July 2022 and March 2023 to incorporate the following updates: ●Temporary increase to the monthly payment rate. North Carolina will temporarily increase the payment rate from \$269.66 to (1) \$343.97 starting on February 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and (2) \$294.86 starting on July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. ●Temporary increase to the add-on payment for members enrolled in the Innovations or TBI waivers and obtaining 1915(i) services. North Carolina will temporarily increase the add-on payment from \$78.94 to \$79.73 starting on February 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The temporary rate increases reflect the level of effort required by providers, based on available data on provider time and effort to date, to implement the Tailored Care Management model. North Carolina is not making any other changes to the payment methodology.	3/28/2024	Pending	Pending
26	24-0015	Third-Party Liability (TPL) Payers Rules	1/1/2024	he purpose of this SPA is to ensure that third-party payers do not refuse payment for an item or service solely on the basis the service or item did not receive prior authorization under the third-party payers' rules.	3/28/2024	2/26/2024	Pending
27		1915(i)	7/1/2024	Per CMS requirements, the State is submitting the 1915(i) SPA to be effective July 1, 2024. The State is updating the SPA to add Tailored Plans as providing 1915(i) services upon Tailored Plan launch on 7/1/2024.	9/30/2024	Pending	Pending
28		Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services	7/1/2024	Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services is a new Medicaid service being added to the State Plan. Services are provided in a 24-hour residential facility with clinical and supportive services.	9/30/2024	Pending	Pending
29		Clinically Managed Population Specific High Intensity	7/1/2024	Clinically Managed Population Specific High Intensity is an organized service delivered by trained and experienced medical and nursing professionals, clinical, and professional staff to support beneficiaries with both substance use disorder (SUD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).	9/30/2024	Pending	Pending

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30		IPPs Treating Adult Beneficiaries	7/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to remove the limitation on IPPs to provide OT, PT and ST services only to EPSDT eligibles. There will be no age restriction for this provider type, which will allow adult beneficiaries access to more providers in less costly settings than hospital outpatient and home health services. This state plan amendment and policy changes will align with Medicare, private insurers, and some other state Medicaid agencies.	9/30/2024	Pending	Pending
31		Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services	7/1/2024	The SPA and policy are being amended to expand the service to the adolescent population, align with ASAM 3.7 criteria, and create a standalone policy.	9/30/2024	Pending	Pending
32		Co-Payment Exemption: Opioid Antagonists	4/1/2024	The purpose of this SPA is to exempt the following drugs from Medicaid co-payments: opioid antagonists (naloxone/nalmefene), nicotine replacement therapy, and medications for opioid dependence. These medications currently require a co-payment of \$4 per prescription.	6/30/2024	Pending	Pending
33		Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT)	5/1/2024	The SPA and policy are being amended to align with ASAM 2.5 criteria. SACOT is a clinically intensive partial hospitalization program that provides skilled treatment services in a structured outpatient recovery environment for adults, 18 years of age and older with a primary substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis.	6/30/2024	Pending	Pending
34		Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP)	5/1/2024	The SPA and policy are being amended to align with ASAM 2.1 criteria and create a standalone policy. SAIOP is an intensive outpatient service that provides a structured program of skilled treatment for adults or adolescents with a primary substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis as defined by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. SAIOP delivers 9-19 hours of skilled treatment services per week for adults, and 6-19 hours of skilled treatment services per week for adolescents.	6/30/2024	Pending	Pending