

Attachment M.10. Approved PHP Name In Lieu of Services

In Lieu of Services are alternative services or settings that are substituted for services or settings covered under the Medicaid or NC Health Choice State Plans or otherwise covered by this Contract but have been determined by the Department to be medically appropriate, cost-effective substitutes for the State Plan services included within this Contract.

The PHP may cover for Members, services or settings that are in lieu of services or settings covered under the State Plans as follows:

1. The Department determines that the alternative service or setting is a medically appropriate and cost-effective substitute based on documentation provided to the Department by the PHP demonstrating such cost effectiveness and clinical effectiveness;
2. Members shall not be required by the PHP to use the alternative service or setting;
3. The approved In Lieu of Services are authorized and identified in this Contract and will be offered to Members at the option of the PHP; and
4. The utilization and actual cost of In Lieu of Services is taken into account in developing the component of the capitation rates that represent the covered State Plan services, unless a federal or State statute or regulation explicitly requires otherwise. In the event In Lieu of Services do not meet cost neutrality, excess expenses will be excluded from the rate development process.

In accordance with *Section V.C. Benefits and Care Management*, the following In Lieu of Services have been approved by the Department:

**Attachment M.10. Approved AmeriHealth Caritas of North Carolina
In Lieu of Services**

No.	Service Name	Revenue/ Procedure Code	Approved	Description
1.	Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) for Mental Health Services for Members 22-64	0160	7/1/2021	Use of IMD settings for Members in need of psychiatric care provides the needed level of care and supervision for these adults while avoiding a more costly admission in an inpatient psychiatric unit. The added benefit is leaving the inpatient psychiatric bed open for individuals who need that level of care, and thereby reducing the incidence of Members in need of an inpatient psychiatric admission waiting for prolonged periods in the emergency room.
2.	Behavioral Health Urgent Care (BHUC)	T2016 U5	07/01/2021	A BHUC is an alternative, but not a replacement, to a community hospital Emergency Department (ED). Members receiving this service will be evaluated, then stabilized and/or referred to the most appropriate level of care.