

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
(OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ED BED HOLD SPA #23-0002)**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent 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.

This amendment will become effective March 1, 2023.

The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is:

- a. SFY 2023    \$2,069,979
- b. SFY 2024    \$7,875,897

A copy of the proposed Public Notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments, and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan Amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below.

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Posted on the Division of Health Benefits Website: January 23, 2023  
<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan>