February 03, 2023

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 #2023-0004

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 affected page is Supplement 2, Attachment 3.1-A, Page 1. This State Plan change will allow Medicaid to contract with providers of inpatient behavioral health service providers who meet CMS conditions of participation. Requirements regarding accreditation will be addressed in Clinical Coverage Policy 8B - Inpatient Behavioral Health Services. Additionally, this change will allow new providers time to obtain their accreditation through an approved accreditation organization thereby increasing access to services.

The proposed effective date is April 01, 2023.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Cecilia Williams at (919) 270-2530.

Sincerely,

Dave Richard
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures
Inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals under 21 years of age.

DEFINITION: Inpatient psychiatric services for recipients under age 21 must be provided by a psychiatric facility or an inpatient program in a psychiatric facility that meets the CMS conditions of participation.

These services are provided before the recipient reaches age 21 or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he or she reached age 21, before the earlier of the following:

(a) The date he or she no longer requires the services; or
(b) The date he or she reaches age 22.