## PUBLIC NOTICE (SPA 24-0007) Outpatient Behavioral Health - Psychiatry

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan to apply rate increases 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 psychiatric 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)

This rate amendment will become effective January 1, 2024.

The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is:

a. SFY 2024 \$1,579,618

b. SFY 2025 \$3,279,471

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:

> Jay Ludlam Deputy Secretary Division of Medical Assistance 2501 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2501 medicaidrulescomments@dhhs.nc.gov

Posted on the Division of Health Benefits Website: December 22, 2023 <u>https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan</u>