

**PUBLIC NOTICE:
(SPA 24-0019 REVISED)
NC MEDICAID CO-PAYMENTS EXEMPTION: OPIOID ANTAGONISTS/DEPENDENCE AND NICOTINE
REPLACEMENT THERAPY**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to exempt opioid antagonists, nicotine replacement therapy, and medications used to treat opioid use disorder from Medicaid co-payments. This exemption will apply to all eligibility groups.

The exemption intends to ensure beneficiaries living with nicotine dependence or opioid use disorder (including emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose) do not face financial barriers when obtaining these medications. The exemption supports public health efforts to increase access to substance use disorder treatment.

This change will become effective August 1, 2024.

The estimated fiscal impact of this change is as follows:

- SFY 2025: \$276,758
- SFY 2026: \$310,706

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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