

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
(SPA #24-0032)**

**Coverage of FDA-Approved Weight Loss Drugs**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan for the purpose of adding coverage and reimbursement rates for certain excluded or otherwise restricted drugs or classes of drugs [as cited in USC 1927(d)(2) and 1935(d)(2)] or their medical uses to all NC Medicaid recipients, including full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Part D.

With an approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), drugs for weight loss will be removed from the list of drug classes excluded from coverage for NC Medicaid. This coverage addition will apply to both Medicaid Direct and Managed Care beneficiaries who are covered under the NC Medicaid Outpatient Pharmacy benefit.

This amendment will become effective August 1, 2024.

The annual estimated State Fiscal Impact of this change is:

- a. SFY 2025     \$ 21,604,072
- b. SFY 2026     \$ 15,763,390

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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