

**PUBLIC NOTICE
(SPA 25-0005)
HEALTH HOMES (STATE PLAN OPTION)**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan to authorize North Carolina to increase the monthly payment rate of the State's Health Home benefit, Tailored Care Management

North Carolina is announcing that it will extend the previously approved temporary increase payment rate of \$343.97 from December 31, 2024 (SPA-24-0028) through June 30, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2025, the ongoing payment rate will revert to \$294.86, and the temporary add-on payment will become permanent at \$79.73 for individuals with behavioral health conditions, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury who are higher acuity and require a greater intensity of care coordination due to the complexity of their needs, as compared to other individuals enrolled in the Health Home program. The rate increases reflect the level of effort required by providers, based on available data on provider time and effort to date, to implement the Tailored Care Management model. North Carolina is not making any other changes to the payment methodology described below. This amendment will become effective January 1, 2025.

The annual estimated state fiscal impacts of these changes are:

a. SFY 2025	\$1,047,430
b. SFY 2026	\$3,845,043

Note that for the portion of these impacts related to individuals covered under Medicaid Expansion, the non-federal share cost is covered by hospital assessments and intergovernmental transfers and not by State General Fund dollars. The listed amounts therefore do not equate to "cost to the State."

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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