




NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Health Benefits

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**JAY LUDLAM** • Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid

**SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jay Ludlam <sup>DS</sup> 

**FROM:** Ashley Blango, SPA Coordinator

**RE:** State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act  
Transmittal #2025-0007

**Purpose**

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (**CAA Attestation**) summarized below, and submitted on March 20, 2025, with a due date of March 20, 2025.

**Clearance**

This amendment has been reviewed for both accuracy and completeness by:

*Ashley Blango, Kathryn Horneffer, Adam Levinson, Melanie Bush*

**Background and Summary of Request**

It is recommended that you sign this State Plan Amendment submission per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) protocol as head of the Single State Agency administering the Medicaid program.

The purpose of the State Plan Amendment is to attest that the state is in compliance with requirements in Section 5121 of the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) to provide screening and diagnostic and targeted case management services to eligible juveniles as defined in 1902(nn) of the Social Security Act.

The proposed effective date for the SPA is January 1, 2025.

Your approval of this State Plan Amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 919-812-6145.

**Mandatory Coverage for  
Eligible Juveniles who are  
Inmates of a Public Institution  
Post Adjudication of Charges**

**State/Territory:** North Carolina

General assurances. State must indicate compliance with all four items below with a check.

In accordance with section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act, the state has an internal operational plan and, in accordance with such plan, provides for the following for eligible juveniles as defined in 1902(nn) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication:

In the 30 days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release from the public institution), and in coordination with the public institution, any screenings and diagnostic services which meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice, as determined by the state, or as otherwise indicated as medically necessary, in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements, including a behavioral health screening or diagnostic service.

In the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release, targeted case management services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan).

The state acknowledges that a correctional institution is considered a public institution and may include prisons, jails, detention facilities, or other penal settings (e.g., boot camps or wilderness camps).

PRA Disclosure Statement - This use of this form is mandatory and the information is being collected to assist the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in implementing Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0938-1148 (CMS-10398 #85). Public burden for all of the collection of information requirements under this control number is estimated to take about 50 hours per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Additional information provided (optional):

No

Yes [provide below]

North Carolina attests to being partially ready to implement Section 5121 as of January 1, 2025, and will institute a phased rollout of Section 5121 requirements. Approximately half of post-adjudication youth in North Carolina are in one of the states' five Youth Development Centers (YDCs), with remaining post-adjudication youth in juvenile detention centers (JDCs), adult prisons, and jails (including tribal jails). In 2025, North Carolina will implement CAA 5121 requirements in YDCs. Youth in these facilities are already receive many of the required screening, diagnostic, and case management services, and North Carolina is working to align provision of these services with Section 5121 requirements.

North Carolina is planning to implement its Section 1115 reentry demonstration in 2026, and the State intends to subsume the CAA requirements into the state's rollout of the demonstration. Accordingly, other facilities will implement Section 5121 requirements as they launch their participation in the reentry demonstration. North Carolina will provide technical assistance to facilities that elect not to participate in the reentry demonstration to assist in their implementation of Section 5121 requirements.

North Carolina's Reentry Initiative Implementation Plan (to be submitted to CMS by 120 calendar days after approval of the demonstration) will also serve as the State's internal operational plan for CAA Section 5121.

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