

**PUBLIC NOTICE
(SPA 26-0004)**

Child Welfare Trauma-Informed Assessment (CWTIA)

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the NC Medicaid State Plan to implement rate methodology components applicable to Medicaid reimbursement of the Child Welfare Trauma-Informed Assessment (CWTIA), an assessment service under the Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation benefit category. This amendment establishes coverage and reimbursement for the assessment under the existing Medicaid diagnostic assessment benefit structure and is designed to support access to trauma-informed behavioral health assessment services. This amendment will become effective January 1, 2027.

The annual estimated State fiscal impact of this change is:

- a. SFY 2027 \$ 742,405
- b. SFY 2028 \$ 1,499,658

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 medicaidrulescomments@dhhs.nc.gov.

Comments may also be mailed to the address listed below:

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