



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

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SIGNATURE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanie Bush ^{bs} MB

FROM: Ashley Blango, SPA Manager

RE: State Plan Amendment

Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2026-0007

Purpose

Attached for your review and signature is a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (**Personal Care Services (PCS)**) summarized below, and submitted on September 18, 2026 with a due date of September 18, 2026.

Clearance

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

Ashley Blango, Tabitha Evans, Chris Gordon, Sarah Gregosky, 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 revisions to the State Plan Amendment will increase the PCS rate provided to Medicaid Direct, Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C), Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA), and Community Alternatives Program Choice (CAP/CO) by 18% to reflect the maximization of the sum of \$70,800,000 appropriated by the NC General Assembly.

The proposed effective date for the SPA is August 1, 2026.

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

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23. Any other Medical Care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Personal Care Services are reimbursed under the authority of 42 CFR 440.167 and when provided as defined in Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 19, of this State Plan.

Effective January 1, 2021, providers subject to Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) as required by Section 12006 1903(l) of the 21st Century CURES Act, must be registered with the State's EVV solution or procure an alternative compliant EVV solution to receive reimbursement, as per PCS Clinical Coverage Policy No: 3L.

The agency's fee schedule rate of \$3.88 per 15 minutes was set as of August 1, 2017. Effective January 1, 2018 the fee schedule rate is \$3.90 per 15 minutes. Effective January 1, 2021, in adherence to EVV, payment for Personal Care Services (PCS) reimbursement shall be increased by ten percent (10%) above the rate in effect per fifteen (15) minute increment.

Effective July 1, 2023, the PCS fee schedule rate is established at \$5.96 per 15-minute increment.

Effective April 1, 2025, the fee schedule rate for PCS provided in an in-home residential setting shall be reimbursed in 15-minute increment units. PCS provided in Adult Care Homes (ACH) and congregate settings, specific to the 3L-1 Clinical Coverage Policy, shall be reimbursed on a daily per diem basis. The congregate setting rate shall be the hourly equivalent to the 15-minute increment rate in effect on April 1, 2025, over a 24-hour period, with a maximum of 130 hours per month.

Effective August 1, 2026, the PCS fee schedule rate increased by 18% and is established at \$7.03 per 15-minute increment. PCS provided in Adult Care Homes (ACH) and congregate settings continue to be reimbursed on a daily per diem basis. The congregate setting rate shall be the hourly equivalent to the 15-minute increment rate in effect on August 1, 2026, over a 24-hour period, with a maximum of 130 hours per month.

Rates are published on the North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule site https://ncdhhs.servicenow.com/fee_schedules, and are effective for services provided on or after the published date.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, the state-developed fee schedule rate is the same for both governmental and non-governmental providers of Personal Care Services.