

Tribal or Indian Health Services (IHS) Notification:

**Title or Topic of State Plan
Amendment (SPA)/Waiver:**

**North Carolina Personal Care Services Alignment
Demonstration – Section 1115 Demonstration Application**

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Check the applicable box(es):

☐ New State Plan.

☐ Amendment to be considered as new plan.

☒ New Waiver/Renewal

☐ Amendment to existing Waiver

Effective Date of SPA/Waiver: Upon CMS Approval

Reason for Proposed Change: (check the applicable box(es):

Budget Reduction: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Termination of Coverage: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Revising Methodology: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Mandatory CMS Template: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Mandate or law: ☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, document the specific Federal statute or Regulation citation:
Section 1115 of the Social Security Act and North Carolina Session Law 2025-64 (HB 546).

Details of SPA/Waiver Change and the anticipated impact on Indians and IHS:

North Carolina is proposing a new section 1115 demonstration that would establish a targeted Medicaid eligibility pathway and limited personal care services (PCS) benefit for certain Medicare beneficiaries residing in licensed adult care homes and special care units who are not currently eligible for Medicaid-covered PCS under existing eligibility rules. The demonstration would provide access to Medicaid-covered PCS for eligible individuals with incomes up to 180 percent of the Federal Poverty Level in adult care homes and up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level in special care units. The demonstration provides a limited PCS benefit and does not provide full Medicaid coverage.

The demonstration is intended to improve access to personal care services, reduce unnecessary nursing facility placement, improve continuity of care, and promote care in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting. PCS would be delivered using existing Medicaid state plan requirements, provider qualifications, reimbursement methodologies, utilization controls, and program integrity safeguards.

The State does not currently anticipate a direct impact on Indian Health Service facilities or Tribal health programs. However, eligible American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries residing in or

seeking admission to licensed adult care homes or special care units may benefit from expanded access to Medicaid-covered PCS. The State welcomes input regarding any potential impact on Tribal members, Tribal providers, care coordination, access to services, or implementation considerations.

Indian Health Services Input on the State Plan/Waiver listed above:

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting or conference call.

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State Plan Tracking Number: _____

Waiver Tracking Number: _____