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## MEMORANDUM

TO: DHB Management & State Plan E-mail Subscribers

FROM: Betty J Staton, State Plan Amendments Manager

SUBJECT: Update to State Plan for Health Benefits (301)

DATE: October 27, 2020

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The following changes were made in the NC Health Choice State Plan Manual. You may view the Plan on DHB's website at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/meetings-and-notice/medicaid-state-plan-public-notice>.

**SPA 20-0014 (Health Services Initiative - Reach Out & Read).** Through this SPA, the state seeks to implement the Reach Out and Read Health Services Initiative (HSI) program, which promotes social and emotional development through promoting early literacy, early learning, and school readiness as a part of routine pediatric primary care. This is a time limited HSI that will be effective from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

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