

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: December 12, 2021

Opportunity for Input:

NC DHHS is seeking input on [an amendment request](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid regarding the Medicaid 1115 Waiver that drives Medicaid Transformation. The feedback is due by December 27, 2021. Written comments may be sent to the following address (indicate "NC Section 1115 Waiver" in the written message): North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services NC Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Team 1950 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1950. Comments may also be emailed to Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov.

They are making three amendment requests in addition to other smaller changes:

- 1) Extending the end date of the demonstration to June 30, 2026 (from October 31, 2024) to allow for a full five years of managed care implementation and enable a more complete evaluation of key program components (or, as an alternative, shifting the starting date of the portions of the waiver other than those related to IMDs to June 2021 to maintain a 5-year waiver period);
- 2) Adjusting which populations will not or must be covered under the Behavioral Health Intellectual/Development Disability Tailored Plans. This includes a request to require that certain individuals with significant behavioral health needs in residential settings enroll in the BH I/DD Tailored Plans in order to ensure that they keep coverage of all needed services; and
- 3) Modifying certain implementation details relating to the Healthy Opportunities Pilots, including expanding eligibility for the Pilots to include certain populations, e.g. NC Health Choice.

Quick Updates:

- At the recent i2i Center conference, incoming NC DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley provided an overview of State priorities and **stated an intent to focus on children**. Kinsley will take over the position on January 1, 2022.
- The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) has been established by the federal government and North Carolina has received \$38 million to a temporary emergency program that will help eligible households and families afford water and wastewater services. The program provides a one-time payment for eligible low-income households directly to the utility company. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds run out. For more information on this program and eligibility, visit the LIHWAP website at www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance/low-income-household-water-assistance-program-lihwap.

Bills on the Move:

[H. 110](#), Landlord Submission of HOPE Application, signed into law to become SL 2021-190

Bills:

- [H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE
- [H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications
- [H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)
- [H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021
- [H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 212](#), Social Services Reform
- [H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
- [H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
- [H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction
- [H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds
- [H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- [H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act
- [H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- [H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- [H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- [H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
- [H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
- [H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
- [H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS
- [H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
- [H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
- [H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act
- [H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act
- [H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report
- [H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAS
- [H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
- [H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act
- [H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
- [H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19
- [H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act
- [H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER
- [H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors
- [H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students

[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child
[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
[S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
[S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
[S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
[S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
[S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections
[S. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act
[S. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings – MET CROSSOVER
[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget
[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families
[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals
[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
[SL 2021-25](#): Additional COVID-119 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-61](#): Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
[SL 2021-62](#): Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections

[SL 2021-77](#): DHHS Revisions

[SL 2021-88](#): GSC Technical Corrections 2021

[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)

[SL 2021-118](#): Expand Expunction Eligibility

[SL 2021-123](#): Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.

[SL 2021-132](#): Expedite Child Safety and Permanency

[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents' Bill of Rights

[SL 2021-190](#): Landlord Submission of HOPE Application

[Resolution 2021-10](#), adjournment resolution states that the NCGA will adjourn on December 10th and return on December 30th to address specific issues that may have occurred in the interim. It has passed the House and Senate and been ratified.