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November 14, 2023

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Re: North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0029

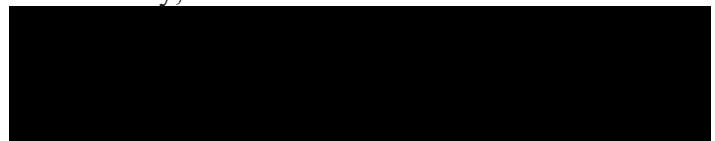
Dear Deputy Secretary Ludlam:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under Transmittal Number 23-0029. The purpose of the SPA is to define the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) that will be used to implement certain requirements for the new North Carolina Medicaid Expansion eligibility group as required by SL 2023-7. The Act allows for the inclusion of Medicaid eligibility to individuals aged 19-64 with incomes at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level who are not enrolled in or eligible for Medicare, consistent with the new adult group eligibility criteria as defined by the Affordable Care Act.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that North Carolina SPA NC 23-0029 was approved on November 14, 2023, with an effective date of December 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Morlan Lannaman at (470) 890-4232 or via email at Morlan.Lannaman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director
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Enclosures

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Re: North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0029 Companion Letter

Dear Deputy Secretary Ludlam:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) approval of North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0029, which effectuates Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) in Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) coverage for the adult group population. The amendment was submitted on August 16, 2023, with an effective date of December 1, 2023.

CMS is providing this letter to document the relevance and application of North Carolina's ongoing Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (parity) analysis to the ABP. Section 1937(b)(6) of the Social Security Act applies parity requirements to ABPs delivered through fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care delivery systems. North Carolina intends to provide ABP benefits, which are aligned with the State's approved Medicaid state plan, through both FFS and existing managed care delivery systems. During the review of NC SPA 23-0029 it was noted that North Carolina and CMS previously established a plan to document parity compliance for beneficiaries receiving services through the managed care organizations (MCOs) and to modify current operations as needed to comply with parity.¹

As such, the ABP service package and delivery systems must be included as a part of the ongoing parity analysis and compliance documentation process. An outstanding milestone in that effort is conducting a parity analysis of treatment limitations in the state's clinical coverage policies (CCPs), which apply to enrollees in all delivery systems.

The State will propose a timeline to complete the parity compliance analysis no later than November 17, 2023. CMS will assess the State's proposal and provide feedback. Upon completion of the analysis, if there are mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment limitations—in

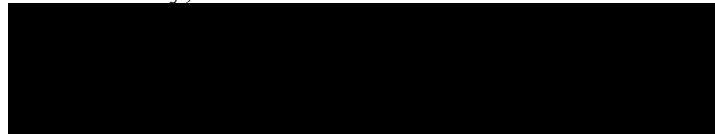
¹ North Carolina Medicaid Mental Health Parity Analysis – Standard Plan and Tailored Plan. March 20, 2023.

the MCO delivery system for all enrollees, or in any delivery system for ABP enrollees (including MCO, PIHP, and/or FFS)—that do not comply with parity requirements described at 42 CFR § 440.395 and 42 CFR Part 438, the state must submit a SPA(s), including an amendment to the ABP, to address parity issues, and immediately notify any managed care entities (MCEs) to stop applying the limits in operations. The state must also forward the written notification to CMS. Simultaneously, the state must begin working with CMS to update other authority documents and/or managed care contracts subject to parity requirements and that include those treatment limitations.

CMS will continue to monitor the state’s progress toward meeting the previously established parity milestones and remains available for technical assistance. As part of this process, please provide parity updates to CMS as a standing item on our biweekly managed care calls.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Morlan Lannaman at (470) 890-4232 or via email at Morlan.Lannaman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: **North Carolina**

Transmittal Number:

Enter the Transmittal Number (TN), including dashes, in the format SS-YY-NNNN or SS-YY-NNNN-xxxx (with xxxx being optional to specific SPA types), where SS = 2-character state abbreviation, YY = last 2 digits of submission year, NNNN = 4-digit number with leading zeros, and xxxx = OPTIONAL, 1- to 4-character alpha/numeric suffix.

NC-23-0029

Proposed Effective Date

12/01/2023 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 C.F.R. §435.119

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	24	\$ 0.00
Second Year	25	\$ 0.00

Subject of Amendment

Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for New Medicaid Expansion Eligibility Group

Governor's Office Review

- Governor's office reported no comment
 Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

- No reply received within 45 days of submittal
 Other, as specified

Describe:

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: **Betty Staton**
Last Revision Date: **Nov 8, 2023**
Submit Date: **Aug 16, 2023**



Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name:

Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 09381148

Transmittal Number: NC - 23 - 0029

Alternative Benefit Plan Populations ABP1

Identify and define the population that will participate in the Alternative Benefit Plan.

Alternative Benefit Plan Population Name:

Identify eligibility groups that are included in the Alternative Benefit Plan's population, and which may contain individuals that meet any targeting criteria used to further define the population.

Eligibility Groups Included in the Alternative Benefit Plan Population:

Add	Eligibility Group:	Enrollment is mandatory or voluntary?	Remove
Add	Adult Group	Mandatory	Remove

Enrollment is available for all individuals in these eligibility group(s).

Geographic Area

The Alternative Benefit Plan population will include individuals from the entire state/territory.

Any other information the state/territory wishes to provide about the population (optional)

PRA Disclosure Statement

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Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name:

Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 09381148

Transmittal Number: NC - 23 - 0029

Voluntary Benefit Package Selection Assurances - Eligibility Group under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act **ABP2a**

The state/territory has fully aligned its benefits in the Alternative Benefit Plan using Essential Health Benefits and subject to 1937 requirements with its Alternative Benefit Plan that is the state's approved Medicaid state plan that is not subject to 1937 requirements. Therefore the state/territory is deemed to have met the requirements for voluntary choice of benefit package for individuals exempt from mandatory participation in a section 1937 Alternative Benefit Plan.

Yes

Explain how the state has fully aligned its benefits in the Alternative Benefit Plan using Essential Health Benefits and subject to 1937 requirements with its Alternative Benefit Plan that is the state's approved Medicaid state plan that is not subject to 1937 requirements.

North Carolina has fully aligned its ABP to its Standard State Plan and will offer the new adult group all the same amount, scope, and duration of benefits offered to its non-expansion populations under its State Plan.

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Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name: Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: NC_23_0029

Selection of Benchmark Benefit Package or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package

ABP3.1

Select one of the following:

- The state/territory is amending one existing benefit package for the population defined in Section 1.
- The state/territory is creating a single new benefit package for the population defined in Section 1.

Name of benefit package:

Selection of EHB-Benchmark Plan

The state/territory must select an EHB-benchmark plan as the basis for providing Essential Health Benefits in its Benchmark or Benchmark-Equivalent Package.

EHB-benchmark plan name: The EHB-benchmark plan is the same as the Section 1937 Coverage option:

Indicate the EHB-benchmark option as described at 45 CFR 156.111(b)(2)(B) the state/territory will use as its EHB-benchmark plan:

State/Territory is selecting one of the below options to design an EHB package that complies with the requirements for the individual insurance market under 45 CFR 156.100 through 156.125.

- State/Territory is selecting the EHB-benchmark plan used by the state/territory for the 2017 plan year.
- State/Territory is selecting one of the EHB-benchmark plans used for the 2017 plan year by another state/territory.
- State/ Territory selects the following EHB-benchmark plan used for the 2017 plan year but will replace coverage of one or more of the categories of EHB with coverage of the same category from the 2017 EHB-benchmark plan of one or more other states
- Select a set of benefits consistent with the 10 EHB categories to become the new EHB-benchmark plan. (Complete and submit the ABP5: Benefits Description form to describe the set of benefits.)

Type of EHB-benchmark plan:

- Largest plan by enrollment of the three largest small group insurance products in the state's small group market.
- Any of the largest three state employee health benefit plans by enrollment.
- Any of the largest three national FEHBP plan options open to Federal employees in all geographies by enrollment.
- Largest insured commercial non-Medicaid HMO.



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Assurances

- The state/territory assures the EHB plan meets the scope of benefits standards at 45 CFR 156.111(b), does not exceed generosity of most generous among a set of comparison plans, provides appropriate balance of coverage among 10 EHB categories, and the scope of benefits is equal to, or greater than, the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan as defined at 45 CFR 156.111(b)(2).
- The state/territory assures that all services in the EHB-benchmark plan have been accounted for throughout the benefit chart found in ABP 5.
- The state/territory assures the accuracy of all information in ABP5 depicting amount, duration and scope parameters of services authorized in the currently approved Medicaid State Plan.

Selection of the Section 1937 Coverage Option

The state/territory selects as its Section 1937 Coverage option the following type of Benchmark Benefit Package or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package under this Alternative Benefit Plan (check one):

- Benchmark Benefit Package.
- Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package.

The state/territory will provide the following Benchmark Benefit Package (check one that applies):

- The Standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Provider Option offered through the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP).
- State employee coverage that is offered and generally available to state employees (State Employee Coverage):
- A commercial HMO with the largest insured commercial, non-Medicaid enrollment in the state/territory (Commercial HMO):
- Secretary-Approved Coverage.
 - The state/territory offers benefits based on the approved state plan.
 - The state/territory offers an array of benefits from the section 1937 coverage option and/or base benchmark plan benefit packages, or the approved state plan, or from a combination of these benefit packages.
 - The state/territory offers the benefits provided in the approved state plan.
 - Benefits include all those provided in the approved state plan plus additional benefits.
 - Benefits are the same as provided in the approved state plan but in a different amount, duration and/or scope.
 - The state/territory offers only a partial list of benefits provided in the approved state plan.
 - The state/territory offers a partial list of benefits provided in the approved state plan plus additional benefits.

Please briefly identify the benefits, the source of benefits and any limitations:

The State is aligning its ABP Plan with Medicaid State Plan benefits

Other Information Related to Selection of the Section 1937 Coverage Option and the EHB-Benchmark Plan (optional):



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PRA Disclosure Statement

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) for the purpose of standardizing data. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name:

Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 09381148

Transmittal Number: NC - 23 - 0029

Alternative Benefit Plan Cost-Sharing	ABP4
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Any cost sharing described in Attachment 4.18-A applies to the Alternative Benefit Plan.

Attachment 4.18-A may be revised to include cost sharing for ABP services that are not otherwise described in the state plan. Any such cost sharing must comply with Section 1916 of the Social Security Act.

The Alternative Benefit Plan for individuals with income over 100% FPL includes cost-sharing other than that described in Attachment 4.18-A.

No

Other Information Related to Cost Sharing Requirements (optional):

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Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name:

Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: NC - 23 - 0029

Benefits Description **ABP5**

The state/territory proposes a "Benchmark-Equivalent" benefit package.

Benefits Included in Alternative Benefit Plan

Enter the specific name of the base benchmark plan selected:

Enter the specific name of the section 1937 coverage option selected, if other than Secretary-Approved. Otherwise, enter "Secretary-Approved."



Alternative Benefit Plan

1. Essential Health Benefit: Ambulatory patient services

Collapse All

<p>Benefit Provided: Physicians' Services</p>	<p>Source: State Plan 1905(a)</p>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<p>Authorization: Prior Authorization</p>	<p>Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan</p>	
<p>Amount Limit: See information box below</p>	<p>Duration Limit: See information box below</p>	
<p>Scope Limit: See information box below</p>		
<p>Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: Attachment 3.1-A, 5.a., Physicians' Services</p> <p>Visit limit is 22 per recipient per State fiscal year. Exceptions to the limit may be authorized by the State when additional visits are medically necessary.</p>		

<p>Benefit Provided: Clinic Services</p>	<p>Source: State Plan 1905(a)</p>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<p>Authorization: Yes</p>	<p>Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan</p>	
<p>Amount Limit: See below</p>	<p>Duration Limit: See information box below</p>	
<p>Scope Limit: See below</p>		
<p>Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: See Attachment 3.1-A, 9, Clinic Services</p> <p>Visit limit is 22 per recipient per State fiscal year. Exceptions to the limit may be authorized by the State when additional visits are medically necessary.</p>		

<p>Benefit Provided: Home health services</p>	<p>Source: State Plan 1905(a)</p>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<p>Authorization: Prior Authorization</p>	<p>Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan</p>	
<p>Amount Limit: none</p>	<p>Duration Limit: none</p>	
<p>Scope Limit: see below</p>		



Alternative Benefit Plan

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 7, Home Health services
 Prior approval for home health services.

Benefit Provided:

Hospice services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

none

Duration Limit:

none

Scope Limit:

Hospice services limited to terminally ill beneficiaries

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 18, Hospice care
 Prior Approval is required for hospice services.

Benefit Provided:

Outpatient hospital services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

see below

Scope Limit:

none

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 2.a., Outpatient hospital services
 Visit limit is 22 per recipient per State fiscal year. Exceptions to the limit may be authorized by the State when additional visits are medically necessary.

Benefit Provided:

Private duty nursing services (PDN)

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

see below



Alternative Benefit Plan

Scope Limit:

none

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 8, Private duty nursing services
 Not to exceed 112 hours per week or 16 hours per day for PDN services. Exceptions to the service limit may be authorized by the State when medically necessary.

Benefit Provided:

Other practitioners' services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 6.d., Other practitioners' services

Benefit Provided:

Non-Routine Dental services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See Below

Duration Limit:

See Below

Scope Limit:

See Below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 10, Dental Services
 All dental services performed must be medically necessary and may not be experimental in nature. Medical necessity is determined by generally accepted North Carolina community practice standards as verified by independent Medicaid consultants.
 Emergency services are exempt from prior approval.
 This entry represents non-routine dental care. The same item is captured under "other 1937 covered benefits" for the purposes of routine dental care.



Alternative Benefit Plan

Benefit Provided:

Non-emergent transportation to medical care (NEMT)

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

A medical transportation assessment must be completed every twelve months or when there is a change of circumstances to determine the eligibility and need for NEMT services.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 23.a., Transportation

Prior approval is required for non-emergency transportation for recipients to receive out of state services or to return to North Carolina or nearest appropriate facility.

Prior approval is required when the recipient choose a provider at a significant greater distance.

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

2. Essential Health Benefit: Emergency services

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: Ambulance Services	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	Remove
Authorization: Prior Authorization	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: See below	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: See below		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: See Attachment 3.1-A, 23.a, Transportation		

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Authorization: Yes	Provider Qualifications:	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
Scope Limit:		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:		

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

3. Essential Health Benefit: Hospitalization

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Inpatient hospital services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="See below"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-A, 1, Inpatient hospital services"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Transplant and related services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Prior Authorization"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="see below"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="none"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="see below"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-E, Pages 1-9, Coverage of Transplant Services"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text"/>	Source: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Prior Authorization"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text"/>		



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Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

4. Essential Health Benefit: Maternity and newborn care

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Maternity Care – Outpatient Hospital Services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="See below"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-A, 20. Extended services for Pregnant Women"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Maternity Care – Inpatient Hospital Services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="See below"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-A, 20. Extended services for Pregnant Women"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Maternity Care – Physicians’ Services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="See Below"/>		



Alternative Benefit Plan

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 20. Extended services for Pregnant Women

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

5. Essential Health Benefit: Mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment Collapse All

The state/territory assures that it does not apply any financial requirement or treatment limitation to mental health or substance use disorder benefits in any classification that is more restrictive than the predominant financial requirement or treatment limitation of that type applied to substantially all medical/surgical benefits in the same classification.

Benefit Provided: Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	Remove
Authorization: Prior Authorization	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: none	Duration Limit: none	
Scope Limit: See below		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: See Attachment 3.1-A, 16, Inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals under 21 years of age These services are provided before the recipient reaches age 21 or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he or she reached age 21, before the earlier of the following: (a) The date he or she no longer requires the services; or (b) The date he or she reaches age 22.		

Benefit Provided: Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	Remove
Authorization: Yes	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: See below		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: See Attachment 3.1-A.1, 13.d. Rehabilitative services (Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, treatment, and rehabilitative services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan) Outpatient behavioral health and substance use disorder services provided are: • Psychotherapy services • Diagnostic assessment • Qualified Professional • Psychosocial rehabilitation • Partial hospitalization		



Alternative Benefit Plan

- Mobile crisis management
- Community Support Team (adults)
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Opioid Treatment
- Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient (SAIOP)
- Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT)
- Ambulatory Detoxification
- Non-Hospital Medical Detoxification

For psychotherapy services (i.e., basic benefits, outpatient): For individuals 21 years and older, the first 8 visits do not require prior approval. Medicaid eligible adults (21 years and older) may be self-referred

For mobile crisis management: Prior authorization is required after the first 8 hours.

A mental health and substance use disorder parity analysis will be performed for all ABP services and delivery systems to assure compliance with each of the requirements of parity.

Benefit Provided:

Rehab BH Services in Residential Settings

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

See Attachment 3.1-A.1, 13.d. Rehabilitative services (Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, treatment, and rehabilitative services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan)

Behavioral health and substance use disorder services provided in residential settings are:

- Professional Treatment Services in Facility-Based Crisis Programs (FBC)
- Substance Abuse Non-Medical Community Residential Treatment
- Substance Abuse Medically Monitored Residential Treatment
- Medically Monitored or Alcohol Drug Addiction Treatment Center Detoxification (ADATC)/Crisis Stabilization
- High-Risk Intervention Services for Children

NC has an approved 1115 demonstration that includes a waiver of the institution for mental disease (IMD) exclusion for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:



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Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



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6. Essential Health Benefit: Prescription drugs

- The state/territory assures that the ABP prescription drug benefit plan is the same as under the approved Medicaid State Plan for prescribed drugs.

Benefit Provided:

Coverage is at least the greater of one drug in each U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the base benchmark.

Prescription Drug Limits (Check all that apply.):

- Limit on days supply
 Limit on number of prescriptions
 Limit on brand drugs
 Other coverage limits
 Preferred drug list

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

State licensed

Coverage that exceeds the minimum requirements or other:

North Carolina's ABP prescription drug benefit plan is the same as the approved Medicaid state plan for prescribed drugs.

Preferred combination products of buprenorphine and naloxone do not require a prior approval



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7. Essential Health Benefit: Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices

Collapse All

The state/territory assures that it is not imposing limits on habilitative services and devices that are more stringent than limits on rehabilitative services (45 CFR 156.115(a)(5)(ii)). Further, the state/territory understands that separate coverage limits must also be established for rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices. Combined rehabilitative and habilitative limits are allowed, if these limits can be exceeded based on medical necessity.

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Skilled Nursing Facility Services	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
Prior Authorization	Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
None	None	
Scope Limit:		
See below		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:		
See Attachment 3.1-A, 4.a., Nursing facility services		
This entry represents short term nursing facility care. The same item is captured under "other 1937 covered benefits" for the purposes of long-term custodial care."		

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Chiropractic services	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
Prior Authorization	Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
see below	see below	
Scope Limit:		
see below		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:		
See Attachment 3.1-A.1, 6.c., Chiropractors' Services		
Combined optional services are limited to eight per recipient per State fiscal year. This limitation does not apply to EPSDT eligible children. Exceptions to the limit may be authorized by the State when additional visits are medically necessary.		

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Home Health Svcs.-Med Supplies, Equip, Appliances	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
Prior Authorization	Medicaid State Plan	



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Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

none

Scope Limit:

see below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Attachment 3.1-A, 7.c, Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in any setting in which normal life activities take place

Benefit Provided:

Speech Therapy

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

see below

Scope Limit:

see below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Attachment 3.1-A.1, 11.c., Services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders (provided by or under the supervision of a speech pathologist or audiologist).

Prior approval is required prior to the start of all treatment services. A beneficiary 21 years of age or older can receive:

- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year for speech therapy rehabilitative services, and
- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year for speech therapy habilitative services.

Benefit Provided:

Occupational therapy

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

see below

Scope Limit:

see below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Attachment 3.1-A.1, 11.b., Occupational therapy

Prior approval is required prior to the start of all treatment services. A beneficiary 21 years of age or older can receive:

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- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year combined across occupational and physical therapy rehabilitative services, and
- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year combined across occupational and physical therapy habilitative services.

Benefit Provided:

Physical therapy

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

see below

Duration Limit:

see below

Scope Limit:

see below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Attachment 3.1-A.1, 11.a., Physical therapy

Prior approval is required prior to the start of all treatment services. A beneficiary 21 years of age or older can receive:

- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year combined across occupational and physical therapy rehabilitative services, and
- A total maximum of 30 treatment visits per calendar year combined across occupational and physical therapy habilitative services.

Benefit Provided:

Prosthetic devices

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See Below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Attachment 3.1-A, 12.c., Orthotic and Prosthetic devices

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove



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Authorization: Prior Authorization	Provider Qualifications:
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:
Scope Limit:	
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Add"/>	



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8. Essential Health Benefit: Laboratory services

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Laboratory and X-ray services"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="see below"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="none"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="see below"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text" value="Attachment 3.1-A, 3. Other laboratory and X-ray services"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text"/>	Source: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Prior Authorization"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input type="text"/>		



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9. Essential Health Benefit: Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management

Collapse All

The state/territory must provide, at a minimum, a broad range of preventive services including: "A" and "B" services recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force; Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines; preventive care and screening for infants, children and adults recommended by HRSA's Bright Futures program/project; and additional preventive services for women recommended by the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

Benefit Provided: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input style="width: 95%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Yes"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Amount Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Duration Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Scope Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 95%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Amount Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	Duration Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Scope Limit: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 95%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		



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10. Essential Health Benefit: Pediatric services including oral and vision care Collapse All

Benefit Provided: Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Other	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: Up to age 21.		



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11. Other Covered Benefits from Base Benchmark

Collapse All



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12. Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered due to Substitution or Duplication Collapse All

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Specialist visit"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Other Practitioner Office Visit"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Hospice Services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Private-Duty Nursing"/>	Source: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Private Duty Nursing Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Urgent Care Centers or Facilities

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Clinic Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Home Health Care Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Home Health Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Emergency Room Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Outpatient Hospital Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Emergency Transportation/Ambulance

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Ambulance Services under EHB 2: Emergency Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Inpatient Hospital Services (e.g., Hospital Stay)

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3: Hospitalization.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Bariatric Surgery

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Physicians Services under EHB1: Ambulatory Patient Services and Inpatient hospital services under EHB3: Hospitalization.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Skilled Nursing Facility

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Skilled Nursing Facility Services under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Prenatal and Postnatal Care

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Maternity Care – Outpatient Hospital Services and Maternity Care – Physicians’ Services under EHB 4: Maternity and Newborn Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Delivery and Inpatient Services for Maternity Care

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Maternity Care – Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 4: Maternity and Newborn Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Outpatient Behavioral Health Services under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Mental/Behavioral Health Inpatient Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:



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Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Inpatient Psychiatric Services under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Outpatient Behavioral Health Services under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Substance Abuse Disorder Inpatient Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Inpatient Psychiatric Services and Rehab BH Services in Residential Settings under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Generic Drugs

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Pharmacy and Prescription Drugs and Medication Management under EHB 6: Prescription Drugs.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Preferred Brand Drugs

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Prescription Drugs and Medication Management under EHB 6: Prescription Drugs.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Non-Preferred Brand Drugs

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Pharmacy and Prescription Drugs and Medication Management under EHB 6: Prescription Drugs.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Specialty Drugs"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Pharmacy and Prescription Drugs and Medication Management under EHB 6: Prescription Drugs."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Outpatient Rehabilitation Services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Habilitation Services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Chiropractic Care"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Chiropractic Services under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Durable Medical Equipment"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Home Health Services – Medical supplies, equipment and appliances under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Hearing Aids"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		



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Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Home Health Services – Medical supplies, equipment and appliances under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Laboratory and X-ray services under EHB 8: Laboratory Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Physicians Services under EHB1: Ambulatory Patient Services and as Pharmacy

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Routine Eye Exam for Children

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Eye Glasses for Children

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Dental Check-Up for Children

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Rehabilitative Speech Therapy"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Speech, hearing and Language Disorder Services under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Rehabilitative Occupational and Physical Therapy"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Well Baby Visits & Care"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Maternal Support Services under EHB 4: Maternity and Newborn Care."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Laboratory and X-ray services under EHB 8: Laboratory Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Laboratory and X-ray services under EHB 8: Laboratory Services."/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Basic Dental Care - Child"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		



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Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Orthodontia - Child

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Major Dental Care - Child

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits under EHB 10: Pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Transplant

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Transplant and Related Services under EHB 3: Hospitalization.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Infertility Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Coverage of infertility services is substituted by the current Medicaid state plan non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) benefit.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Well Baby Visits & Care

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Maternity Care – Physicians’ Services under EHB 4: Maternity and Newborn Care.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Accidental Dental"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Dental Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory patient services"/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Allergy Testing"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Physicians' Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory patient services"/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Prosthetic Devices"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Prosthetic devices under EHB 7: Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services & Devices"/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Infusion Therapy"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Home Health Services under EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services"/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Reconstructive Surgery"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Inpatient hospital services under EHB 3: Hospitalization"/>		
Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Diabetes Education"/>	Source: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Base Benchmark"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		



Alternative Benefit Plan

Covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan as Physicians Services under EHB1:
Ambulatory Patient Services

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Nutritional Counseling

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Coverage of Nutritional Counseling is substituted by the current Medicaid state plan non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) benefit.

Add



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13. Other Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered

Collapse All



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14. Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits

Collapse All

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Optometrist Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See other information box below

Duration Limit:

See below

Scope Limit:

See other information box below

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 6.b, Optometrist Services
 (1) Routine eye exams and refractions are covered for recipients under 21 years of age once per year and for recipients 21 years of age and older once every two years, based on general medical practice as published in North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance’s Medicaid clinical coverage policies on the Division’s website. Additional routine eye exams and refractions may be authorized by the State Medicaid Agency, based on Medicaid clinical coverage policy and medical necessity.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Adult dental services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See other information box below

Duration Limit:

See other information box below

Scope Limit:

See other information box below

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 10, Dental services
 The services requiring prior approval are: complete dentures, partial dentures, complete and partial denture relines, orthodontic services, periodontal services, elective root canal therapy, and complex or extensive oral maxillo-facial surgical procedures.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

ICF-IID services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None



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Scope Limit:

None

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, pages 16-17
 Prior approval (PA) for ICF/IID level of care shall be obtained in specific circumstances as described in NC Clinical Policy Guide 8E.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Family planning services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See information box below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See information box below

Other:

Attachment 3.1-A, 4.c., Family planning services

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Freestanding birth center services (when licensed)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 28.i., Freestanding birth center services

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

M.A.T. for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan



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Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

MAT is provided as defined in the approved state plan Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A. MAT is provided in accordance with 1905(a)(29) for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

HIV case management services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

See below

Scope Limit:

See below

Other:

Attachment 3.1-A, 19.a., Case management services. See also Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A, Part G

The target group includes individuals below who meet the requirements defined in the HIV Case Management policy:

1. Have a medical diagnosis of HIV disease; or
2. Have a medical diagnosis of HIV seropositivity; and
3. Are eligible for regular Medicaid services; and
4. Are not institutionalized; and
5. Are not recipients of other Medicaid-reimbursed case management services, including those provided through the State's home and community-based services waivers or the State Plan.

The State has limited the amount of HIV Case Management service that may be billed to Medicaid to 16 units per recipient per month. One unit equals 15 minutes, therefore 16 units equals four hours.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None



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<p>Scope Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">None</div> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 40px;"> Attachment 3.1-A, 4.d., Face-to-Face Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services Benefit Package for Pregnant Women 1E-5 states: Tobacco use screening should be provided to all pregnant beneficiaries and an appropriate referral made for those willing to quit and a brief motivational intervention for those not ready to quit. </div>		
<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Federally qualified health center (FQHC) services</div> <p>Authorization:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Other</div> <p>Amount Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">22 visits per recipient</div> <p>Scope Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">None</div> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 40px;">See Attachment 3.1-A, 2.c., Federally qualified health center (FQHC) services</div>	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div> <p>Provider Qualifications:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Medicaid State Plan</div> <p>Duration Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Per Fiscal Year</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Remove</div>
<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Routine Patient Cost in Qualifying Clinical Trials</div> <p>Authorization:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Other</div> <p>Amount Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">see below</div> <p>Scope Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">see below</div> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 40px;">See Attachment 3.1-A, Item 30 - Coverage of Routine Patient Cost in Qualifying Clinical trials in North Carolina's Medicaid State Plan.</div>	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div> <p>Provider Qualifications:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Medicaid State Plan</div> <p>Duration Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">see below</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Remove</div>
<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">1915(i) Home and Community Based Services</div>	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 20px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Remove</div>



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Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

Varies

Duration Limit:

Varies

Scope Limit:

See other information box below

Other:

1915(i) State plan services are: Supported Employment/Individual Placement Supports, Community Living and Supports, Individual and Transitional Supports, Respite, and Community Transition. Individuals must meet the needs-based eligibility criteria: Need for support in acquiring, maintaining, and retaining skills needed to live and work in the community, as evidenced by at least one functional deficit in an activity of daily living (ADL), instrumental activity of daily living (IADL), social and/or work skills.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Section 1945 Health Home Tailored Care Management

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See other information box below

Other:

Section 1945 Health Home. Must meet Health Home Population Criteria: Individuals with intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Severe Substance Use Disorder (SUD), or serious and persistent mental health condition.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Ophthalmological Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 12, Prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist



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<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Personal Care</div> <p>Authorization:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Other</div> <p>Amount Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">see below</div> <p>Scope Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">see below</div> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">See Attachment 3.1-A, 24.f., Personal care services</div> <p>Service limitations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to 130 hours per month for adults, 2. Up to 60 hours per month for children. Pursuant to section 1905(r)(5) of the Social Security Act, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit requires that states provide all medically necessary services coverable under the Medicaid program to EPSDT eligible children. Hours above the 60 hours may be provided to children through the EPSDT allowance. Services levels must be re-assessed and re-authorized at least annually. 	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div> <p>Provider Qualifications:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Medicaid State Plan</div> <p>Duration Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">see below</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; background-color: #e0e0e0;">Remove</div>
<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Nursing Facility Services</div> <p>Authorization:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Prior Authorization</div> <p>Amount Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">None</div> <p>Scope Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">See below</div> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">See Attachment 3.1-A, 4.a., Nursing facility services</div> <p>This entry represents long term custodial care. Same item is noted under EHB 7 for the purpose of short term nursing facility care.</p>	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div> <p>Provider Qualifications:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Medicaid State Plan</div> <p>Duration Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">None</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; background-color: #e0e0e0;">Remove</div>
<p>Other 1937 Benefit Provided:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Nurse-Midwife services</div> <p>Authorization:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Prior Authorization</div> <p>Amount Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">None</div>	<p>Source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package</div> <p>Provider Qualifications:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Medicaid State Plan</div> <p>Duration Limit:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">None</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; background-color: #e0e0e0;">Remove</div>



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Scope Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>		
Other: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-A, 17, Nurse-Midwife services"/>		
Other 1937 Benefit Provided: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Mandatory Medicaid Coverage of Adult Vaccines"/>	Source: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Other"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>		
Other: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Mandatory Medicaid Coverage of Adult Vaccines Attachment 3.1-A, 13.c."/>		
Other 1937 Benefit Provided: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Pediatric & family nurse practitioner services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Other"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/>		
Other: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="See Attachment 3.1-A, 23, Certified pediatric or family nurse practitioner's services"/>		
Other 1937 Benefit Provided: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Podiatry services"/>	Source: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Other"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	



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Amount Limit:

See Below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Below

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 6.a. Podiatrists' Services

Routine foot care is not covered except as a medical necessity. Office visits to podiatrists are included in the optional services limit per recipient per State fiscal year. Combined optional services are limited to eight per recipient per State fiscal year. This limitation does not apply to EPSDT eligible children. Exceptions to the limit may be authorized by the State when additional visits are medically necessary

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Rural health clinic services (RHC)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See Below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Below

Other:

See Attachment 3.1-A, 2.b., Rural health clinic services

All medical services performed must be medically necessary and may not be experimental in nature.

(1) Other ambulatory services provided by Rural Health Clinics are:

- (a) Chiropractic services
- (b) Dental Services
- (c) Drugs, legend and insulin
- (d) EPSDT
- (e) Eyeglasses and visual aids
- (f) Family Planning Services
- (g) Hearing Aids
- (h) Optometric Services
- (i) Podiatry Services

(2) Rural Health Clinic Services are subject to the limitations of the physicians' services program.

(3) Office visits in a RHC are included in the visit limit per recipient per State fiscal year.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:



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Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other:

Add



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15. Additional Covered Benefits (This category of benefits is not applicable to the adult group under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act.)

Collapse All

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Benefits Assurances **ABP7**

EPSDT Assurances

If the target population includes persons under 21, please complete the following assurances regarding EPSDT. Otherwise, skip to the Prescription Drug Coverage Assurances below.

The alternative benefit plan includes beneficiaries under 21 years of age.

The state/territory assures that the notice to an individual includes a description of the method for ensuring access to EPSDT services (42 CFR 440.345).

The state/territory assures EPSDT services will be provided to individuals under 21 years of age who are covered under the state/territory plan under section 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Act.

Indicate whether EPSDT services will be provided only through an Alternative Benefit Plan or whether the state/territory will provide additional benefits to ensure EPSDT services:

- Through an Alternative Benefit Plan.
- Through an Alternative Benefit Plan with additional benefits to ensure EPSDT services as defined in 1905(r).

Other Information regarding how ESPDT benefits will be provided to participants under 21 years of age (optional):

Prescription Drug Coverage Assurances

The state/territory assures that it meets the minimum requirements for prescription drug coverage in section 1937 of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 440.347. Coverage is at least the greater of one drug in each United States Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the base benchmark.

The state/territory assures that procedures are in place to allow a beneficiary to request and gain access to clinically appropriate prescription drugs when not covered.

The state/territory assures that when it pays for outpatient prescription drugs covered under an Alternative Benefit Plan, it meets the requirements of section 1927 of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 440.345, except for those requirements that are directly contrary to amount, duration and scope of coverage permitted under section 1937 of the Act.

The state/territory assures that when conducting prior authorization of prescription drugs under an Alternative Benefit Plan, it complies with prior authorization program requirements in section 1927(d)(5) of the Act.

Other Benefit Assurances

The state/territory assures that substituted benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefits they replaced from the base benchmark plan, and that the state/territory has actuarial certification for substituted benefits available for CMS inspection if requested by CMS.

The state/territory assures that individuals will have access to services in Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) as defined in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 1905(a)(2) of the Social Security Act.



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- The state/territory assures that payment for RHC and FQHC services is made in accordance with the requirements of section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with the requirement of section 1937(b)(5) of the Act by providing, effective January 1, 2014, to all Alternative Benefit Plan participants at least Essential Health Benefits as described in section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with the mental health and substance use disorder parity requirements of section 1937(b)(6) of the Act by ensuring that the financial requirements and treatment limitations applicable to mental health or substance use disorder benefits comply with the requirements of section 2705(a) of the Public Health Service Act in the same manner as such requirements apply to a group health plan.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with section 1937(b)(7) of the Act by ensuring that benefits provided to Alternative Benefit Plan participants include, for any individual described in section 1905(a)(4)(C), medical assistance for family planning services and supplies in accordance with such section.
- The state/territory assures transportation (emergency and non-emergency) for individuals enrolled in an Alternative Benefit Plan in accordance with 42 CFR 431.53.
- The state/territory assures, in accordance with 45 CFR 156.115(a)(4) and 45 CFR 147.130, that it will provide as Essential Health Benefits a broad range of preventive services including: "A" and "B" services recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force; Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines; preventive care and screening for infants, children and adults recommended by HRSA's Bright Futures program/project; and additional preventive services for women recommended by the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

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State Name:

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Service Delivery Systems

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Provide detail on the type of delivery system(s) the state/territory will use for the Alternative Benefit Plan's benchmark benefit package or benchmark-equivalent benefit package, including any variation by the participants' geographic area.

Type of service delivery system(s) the state/territory will use for this Alternative Benefit Plan(s).

Select one or more service delivery systems:

- Managed care.
 - Managed Care Organizations (MCO).
 - Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP).
 - Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHP).
 - Primary Care Case Management (PCCM).
- Fee-for-service.
- Other service delivery system.

Managed Care Options

Managed Care Assurance

- The state/territory certifies that it will comply with all applicable Medicaid laws and regulations, including but not limited to sections 1903(m), 1905(t), and 1932 of the Act and 42 CFR Part 438, in providing managed care services through this Alternative Benefit Plan. This includes the requirement for CMS approval of contracts and rates pursuant to 42 CFR 438.6.

Managed Care Implementation

Please describe the implementation plan for the Alternative Benefit Plan under managed care including member, stakeholder, and provider outreach efforts.

The MCOs, PIHPs, and PCCMs will offer the same benefit package to expansion members as other enrolled members, and have demonstrated to the NC through testing and readiness reviews their successful implementation of that benefit package for the new populations. The MCOs, PIHPs, and PCCMs will educate members on the ABP through their member welcome packet and handbook which includes a description of covered services. Additionally, the Department has published fact sheets and other provider and stakeholder materials for distribution through webinars, presentations, paid media, and social media outreach to ensure information is available on the benefits provided to the expansion population.

MCO: Managed Care Organization

The managed care delivery system is the same as an already approved managed care program.

Yes

The managed care program is operating under (select one):

- Section 1915(a) voluntary managed care program.
- Section 1915(b) managed care waiver.
- Section 1932(a) mandatory managed care state plan amendment.
- Section 1115 demonstration.



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Section 1937 Alternative (Benchmark) Benefit Plan state plan amendment.

Identify the date the managed care program was approved by CMS:

Describe program below:

Through its Section 1115 demonstration, the State has approval to implement comprehensive managed care using a combination of plans:

(1) Standard plans for most enrollees, except those in excluded populations, individuals in exempt populations who choose not to enroll, or enrollees in BH I/DD Tailored Plans or Specialized Plans. Standard plans cover physical health and most behavioral health services, other than those specialized behavioral health services only available through a BH I/DD Tailored Plan.

(2) BH I/DD Tailored Plans for individuals with complex behavioral health needs, I/DD and TBI, covering all benefits, including specialized behavioral health services.

(3) Specialized Foster Care Plan for individuals in foster care and former foster youth.

See the State's 1115 demonstration for more details on eligibility, benefits, and timelines for when products will take effect.

Additional Information: #type# (Optional)

Provide any additional details regarding this service delivery system (optional):

PIHP: Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan

The managed care delivery system is the same as an already approved managed care program.

The managed care program is operating under (select one):

- Section 1915(a) voluntary managed care program.
- Section 1915(b) managed care waiver.
- Section 1115 demonstration.
- Section 1937 Alternative (Benchmark) Benefit Plan state plan amendment.

Identify the date the managed care program was approved by CMS:

Describe program below:

Individuals not enrolled in an MCO receive their behavioral health services and 1915(c) Innovations and TBI waiver services (if eligible) through a PIHP, administered by Local Management Entity Managed Care Organizations (LME MCOs). There is one LME MCO available per region. See approved 1915(b) waiver for additional details

Additional Information: #type# (Optional)

Provide any additional details regarding this service delivery system (optional):

PCCM: Primary Care Case Management

The PCCM delivery system is the same as an already approved PCCM program.

The managed care program is operating under (select one):

- Section 1915(b) managed care waiver.
- Section 1932(a) mandatory managed care state plan amendment.



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- Section 1115 demonstration.
- Section 1937 Alternative (Benchmark) Benefit Plan state plan amendment.

Identify the date the managed care program was approved by CMS:

Describe program below:

The State has two PCCM programs:

(1) Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC). CCNC serves as the primary care case management entity for all populations not currently enrolled in an MCO, other than those enrolled in the Tribal Option.

(2) Tribal Option. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has created a primary care case management entity (referred to as the EBCI Tribal Option) available for all IHS eligibles and federally recognized tribal members residing within a defined service area.

For additional details on enrollment and eligibility, please see the approved SPAs.

Tribe Option was approved by CMS on 9/13/21.
CCNC was most recently approved by CMS on 8/3/23.

Additional Information: #type# (Optional)

Provide any additional details regarding this service delivery system (optional):

Fee-For-Service Options

Indicate whether the state/territory offers traditional fee-for-service and/or services managed under an administrative services organization:

- Traditional state-managed fee-for-service
- Services managed under an administrative services organization (ASO) arrangement

Please describe this fee-for-service delivery system, including any bundled payment arrangements, pay for performance, fee-for-service care management models/non-risk, contractual incentives as well as the population served via this delivery system.

Individuals who are not currently enrolled in an MCO receive their physical health services through fee-for-service.

Additional Information: Fee-For-Service (Optional)

Provide any additional details regarding this service delivery system (optional):

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Employer Sponsored Insurance and Payment of Premiums ABP9

The state/territory provides the Alternative Benefit Plan through the payment of employer sponsored insurance for participants with such coverage, with additional benefits and services provided through a Benchmark or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package.

The state/territory otherwise provides for payment of premiums.

Other Information Regarding Employer Sponsored Insurance or Payment of Premiums:

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General Assurances

ABP10

Economy and Efficiency of Plans

- The state/territory assures that Alternative Benefit Plan coverage is provided in accordance with Federal upper payment limit requirements and other economy and efficiency principles that would otherwise be applicable to the services or delivery system through which the coverage and benefits are obtained.

Economy and efficiency will be achieved using the same approach as used for Medicaid state plan services.

Compliance with the Law

- The state/territory will continue to comply with all other provisions of the Social Security Act in the administration of the state/territory plan under this title.
- The state/territory assures that Alternative Benefit Plan benefits designs shall conform to the non-discrimination requirements at 42 CFR 430.2 and 42 CFR 440.347(e).
- The state/territory assures that all providers of Alternative Benefit Plan benefits shall meet the provider qualification requirements of the Base Benchmark Plan and/or the Medicaid state plan.

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Payment Methodology

ABP11

Alternative Benefit Plans - Payment Methodologies

- The state/territory provides assurance that, for each benefit provided under an Alternative Benefit Plan that is not provided through managed care, it will use the payment methodology in its approved state plan or hereby submits state plan amendment Attachment 4.19a, 4.19b or 4.19d, as appropriate, describing the payment methodology for the benefit.

An attachment is submitted.

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