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TO: Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs)

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SUBJECT: Postponed Implementation of New and Amended State-Funded Withdrawal Management (Detoxification) Services, State-Funded Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP) & State-Funded Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT)

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This bulletin is intended to notify LME/MCOs, service providers and stakeholders that the implementation of the new and amended State-Funded Withdrawal Management Services, Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP) and Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) service definition policies and rates has been postponed. A new implementation date has not been determined at this time. DHHS will be scheduling virtual office hours to meet with LME/MCOs, providers, and stakeholders regarding these policies. The Division of MH/DD/SUS and the Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid) will continue to collaborate with the LME/MCOs, service providers and stakeholders to align State-Funded service definitions and Medicaid clinical coverage policies with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, Third Edition, 2013.

The following standalone State-Funded service definition policies (dated 5/1/24) have been delayed and will be removed from the DMH/DD/SUS Service Definition website:

- State-Funded Enhanced Mental Health & Substance Use Services 2024 -5/01/24
- State-Funded Ambulatory Withdrawal Management without Extended Onsite Monitoring Services (Ambulatory Detoxification)
- State-Funded Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended Onsite Monitoring Services
- State-Funded Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management Services (Social Setting Detoxification)
- State-Funded Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management Services (Non-Hospital Medical Detoxification)
- State-Funded Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP)
- State-Funded Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT)

Each of the existing state-funded services listed above will continue to be available, with the exception of the State-Funded Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended Onsite Monitoring Service, which is a new service. These service definitions policies can be found in the State-Funded Enhanced Mental

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Health & Substance Use Services 2024 3/01/24 document accessible at ([DMHDDSUS State-Funded Service Definitions](#)).

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