

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Notice of Intent to Submit Social Security Act Section 1115 Demonstration**  
**(Medicaid Reform Waiver Application)**

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 431.408, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is providing notice of intent to submit a Social Security Act Section 1115 Demonstration for the Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice plans (Medicaid reform waiver application), and requests public comment on the draft demonstration.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS') proposed Section 1115 Demonstration sets forth a plan to improve the access to, and quality and cost effectiveness of health care for our growing population of Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice beneficiaries. The demonstration will restructure Medicaid care delivery using accountable, next-generation prepaid health plans; redesign payment to reward value rather than volume; and plan toward true person centered care grounded on the foundation of the current patient-centered medical homes, community support and informatics services.

Medicaid Reform will enable North Carolina to meet four goals defined by the North Carolina General Assembly:

- 1) Ensure budget predictability through shared risk and accountability;
- 2) Ensure balanced quality, patient satisfaction, and financial measures;
- 3) Ensure efficient and cost-effective administrative systems and structures; and
- 4) Ensure a sustainable delivery system through the establishment of two types of prepaid health plans: provider-led entities and commercial plans.

The draft Section 1115 Demonstration documents are available for review on the N.C. Medicaid Reform website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform) and include:

- Complete public notice with summary of the Section 1115 Demonstration
- Draft Section 1115 Demonstration proposal

A hard copy of the draft Section 1115 Demonstration is available at the Department of Health and Human Services, 101 Blair Drive, Raleigh NC, 27603.

Public comments are being accepted during the federally required comment period from March 7 through 11:59 p.m. on April 18, 2016. Input will be reviewed and considered by DHHS to help finalize the waiver application for submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services by June 1, 2016. Comments can be submitted:

- **Online** at the N.C. Medicaid Reform website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform/medicaid-reform-comment-submission-form>
- **By email** to [MedicaidReform@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:MedicaidReform@dhhs.nc.gov)
- **By mail** to Division of Health Benefits, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, 2501 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2501
- **In person** at North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, 101 Blair Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

Twelve public hearings will be held throughout the state during March and April 2016. Below are the hearings scheduled for March:

**March 30, 2016;** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

**March 31, 2016;** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Union County Dept. of Social Services, Auditorium, 1212 W. Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, NC 28110

Dial-in access available is available for this session: 1-888-585-9008; conference room number 780073319#.

**March 31, 2016;** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CPCC Merancas Campus, Auditorium, 11930 Verhoeff Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078

A complete list of public hearings is available on the N.C. Medicaid Reform website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform). Dial-in instructions for the March 31 Union County session also will be posted when available to the website.

Visit the N.C. Medicaid Reform website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-reform) to review the draft Section 1115 Demonstration application, detailed public notice and other documents; submit comments on the Medicaid Reform plan, including the draft application; and learn more about N.C. Medicaid Reform.