

# NC Get Covered Coalition Meeting

October 14, 2022

## Purpose of Meeting:

- To convene and educate organizations interested in connecting North Carolinians to health coverage
- Collaborative learning
- Understand what is working well
- Find solutions to challenges

This Meeting Will Be Recorded



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# Today's Meeting

- **UNC Sheps Draft Dashboard - Susie Gurzenda**
- **No Bright Health 2023**
- **Upcoming Trainings & Events**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **“Public Charge” Final Rule**
- **Family Glitch Fix**
- **OE 10 Resources & Support**

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# Bright Health Not In NC 2023

## Counties Served by Bright

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Chowan, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Haywood, Hertford, Hyde, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, North Hampton, Orange, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey

## Bright Health Drops Individual Health Insurance Business, Raises \$175M

## Bright Health Pulling Insurance Plans Including Obamacare From Nine States

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## CMS – North Carolina MONTHLY STAKEHOLDER CALL

Join the CMS Region IV Local Engagement team in this monthly series, focused on information sharing and engagement amongst partners throughout North Carolina. This is a space to share updates and trends, connect to partners throughout the state, and receive timely updates from CMS and our federal partners.

### ZOOM REGISTRATION

<https://cms.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdOytpjkuGCcoYaR1JNM181H0flhoro>



### FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS, OR TOPIC REQUESTS

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**OCTOBER 18TH**  
**10:00 – 11:00 AM (EST)**  
**REGISTER HERE**



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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Atlanta Regional Office, invites you to our final quarterly virtual Rural Health Town Hall for Calendar Year 2022.

Any and all rural health stakeholders in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee are welcome to join and will have an opportunity to share feedback about all things CMS, our service to those in rural areas, ask questions and learn about the latest CMS priorities and resources and looking ahead.

We welcome any topics, questions or issues in advance. Please share them with Lana.Dennis@cms.hhs.gov.



Please register in advance for the Town Hall at:

<https://cms.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-6urj0vHK32MxxXtluIMUMdrrJFN8U>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Your voice matters! And do feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested. We look forward to your participation on behalf of those we serve in rural areas of CMS Region IV.

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# Calendar of Enrollment Events

Let NCGC know about your upcoming events:

<https://bit.ly/3evkJfu>

We will share events for the upcoming month

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# PUBLIC CHARGE:

*A new rule is final!*

UPDATED  
September 15, 2022

## What is Public Charge?

Some people who apply for a green card (lawful permanent resident status) or a visa to enter the U.S. must pass a “public charge” test – which looks at whether the person is likely to depend primarily on government services in the future. Immigration officials look at all of a person’s circumstances, including their age, income, health, education or skills, family situation and their sponsor’s affidavit of support or contract.



*IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, the law about “public charge” has changed several times, leaving families confused about what it all means for them. A new regulation on public charge became final on September 8, 2022. This law is a formal regulation and it will be difficult to change it or overturn it in the courts. Read this flyer for the latest information on public charge!*

### What benefit programs can I use **without concern**?

Under the new public charge rule in 2022, using the following government programs will **NOT** affect your immigration status or your immigration application. You **and** your children and family members may use them **without concern** if you are eligible.

▶ Medicaid*, ACA, NC Health Choice (children’s health insurance), free or sliding-scale clinics, and all other health care ◊ * <b>Except</b> for long-term institutional care paid for by Medicaid	▶ Pandemic-related one-time financial assistance ◊ This includes NC HOPE and local county rental relief programs.
▶ COVID testing, treatment and vaccines	▶ WIC
▶ SNAP (food stamps)	▶ Public Housing
▶ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and child tax credits	▶ Free or reduced-price school lunches and P-EBT
▶ Stimulus checks or tax credits from the IRS	▶ Food banks or shelters

▶ And any other benefits that are **not listed** in the section below...

### Are there any benefit programs I **should be concerned** about using?

The only public benefits that are considered negatively in the public charge test are listed below:

- ▶ Cash assistance programs that provide **on-going payments**
  - ◊ For residents of North Carolina, the only programs that will count negatively are: SSI (payments for disabled persons) and TANF (monthly cash assistance)
- ▶ Long-term institutional care at government expense

**USCIS (Immigration) will NOT consider ANY benefit programs used by your children or other family members in your household. Your eligible children and family members can use any benefit program they need and Immigration will not ask about it or consider it in your immigration application.**



# Family Glitch Fix for OE10!

The Family Glitch occurs when family members have access to employer-sponsored insurance but employee only coverage is considered “affordable.” In this situation, family members are not eligible for premium tax credits, regardless of the cost of the family plan offered through the employer.

According to KFF, 148,000 North Carolinians were affected by the Family Glitch in 2019.

## What We Know:

- The family glitch will not affect consumers applying for coverage as of 11/1/2022
- [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) applications will have new questions to reflect the fix

More information on the way!

Let us know what questions you have!

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# What Can You Do Now?

## Spread the word!

Find out the largest employer by county at 4D: Demand Driven Data Delivery:

<https://d4.nccommerce.com/QCEWLargestEmployers.aspx>

### Major Employers in NC

School Systems  
Universities and Community Colleges  
Hospital / Medical Systems  
Manufacturing  
Walmart

**How Can NC Get Covered help you get the word out?**

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# **This is what advocacy does!**

## **Thank YOU for getting the Family Glitch fixed!**

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# OE10 Resources & Support

**What resources do you need?**

**What resources can you share?**

**How can NCGC support you?**

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# Partner Updates

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# Thank You!

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**Next Meeting - November 11, 2022**



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# Resources

**CMS Medicaid Unwinding Website**  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/unwinding>

**CMS National Stakeholder Calls Website**  
<https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/cms-national-stakeholder-calls>

**CMS Unwinding Toolkit**  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/unwinding-comms-toolkit.pdf>

**NCDHHS Unwinding Toolkit**  
<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/End-of-PHE-Toolkit>

**CMS Medicaid & CHIP Beneficiary Page**  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/renew-your-medicaid-or-chip-coverage/index.html>

**NCGC Partners Social Media Google Doc**  
<https://bit.ly/3wjYs99>

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