

# NC Get Covered Coalition Meeting April 14, 2023

## 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

- Plan to extend ACA Coverage to DACA Recipients
- Friday Health Plans
- Medicaid Expansion: HB 76
- Medicaid Unwinding Updates
- Braidwood Management v. Becerra
- [NCMedHelp.org](https://www.ncmedhelp.org) / [NCMedHelp.com](https://www.ncmedhelp.com)
- Partner Updates

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# ACA for DACA

- President Joe Biden has announced a plan for individuals with DACA status to be able to apply for Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace plans.
- The Department of Health and Human Services will propose a rule expanding the definition of who is considered lawfully present to be eligible for the two health care programs.

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# Friday Health Plans

From CMS:

As of March 31, 2023, Friday Health Plans of North Carolina, after discussions with state regulators, stopped offering additional enrollment in North Carolina. This announcement does not affect those consumers who have already chosen Friday Health Plans of North Carolina for 2023 health coverage. This announcement also does not affect Friday plans offered in other HealthCare.gov states.

As a result of this action, consumers in North Carolina who aren't already enrolled in a Friday plan won't see or be able to select a Friday plan through HealthCare.gov. North Carolina consumers who are already enrolled in a Friday plan for 2023 will continue to see and stay in their current plan for 2023 coverage, but won't be able to change to another plan with Friday.

Current Friday Health Plan enrollees in North Carolina will still be able to update their plan with household changes and life events (including adding members to existing policies).

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# Medicaid Expansion

On March 27, 2023 Governor Roy Cooper signed HB 76 (Access to Healthcare Options) into law. It will go into affect when the NC state budget & 2023-25 appropriations act pass.

## Overview

Part I of the bill would:

- Provide Medicaid coverage through NC Health Works to adults aged 18-64 with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level, beginning on the later of (i) the date the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the 2023-2024 fiscal year becomes law or (ii) the federally-approved start date.
- Provide increased Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals through the Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program (HASP) upon federal approval of a request developed and submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- Increase hospital assessments to provide funding for the NC Health Works coverage and the HASP program.

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- Part II of the bill would enact various workforce development measures to promote employment among Medicaid enrollees.
- Part III of the bill would remove psychiatric beds and facilities, chemical dependency treatment beds and facilities, ambulatory surgical centers in large counties, MRI machines in large counties, certain home care agency treatment for minors, and the first \$3 million worth of replacement and diagnostic center equipment from certificate of need review.

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# Medicaid Unwinding

Unwinding Redeterminations will take place April 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

April 1, 2023 - NC will begin reviewing redeterminations

June 30, 2023 - Terminations will be effective

Some individuals coverage may have their coverage terminated in May.

Redetermination will be in phases.

## Important Messaging

- Update your contact information
- Check your mail
- Sign up for ePass

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# Enhanced ePass Accounts

NC Medicaid encourages beneficiaries to create an enhanced ePASS account where they can make sure their contact information is correct and make any updates without having to go through their local DSS.

**Enhanced ePASS Accounts:** <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2022/12/15/enhanced-epass-accounts-nc-medicaid-beneficiaries>

**Sign Up for ePASS:** <https://epass.nc.gov/>

**Enhanced ePass Promotion in NC DHH's UPDATED Unwinding Toolkit:**  
<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/End-of-PHE-Toolkit>

Is your organization helping individuals sign up for ePASS accounts?

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# Braidwood Management v. Becerra

On March 30, 2023, Judge O'Connor issued a ruling for the remedy in this case, Braidwood Management v. Becerra, striking down part of the ACA's requirement for no cost coverage of preventive services recommended or updated by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) on or after March 23, 2010 and finding that the requirement to cover PrEP medications for HIV prevention violates the rights of the plaintiffs who have religious objections to PrEP. This order immediately blocks the requirement nationwide to cover preventive services recommended or updated by USPSTF after March 2010. The federal government is appealing this decision to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. - KFF

Coverage will not necessarily change immediately. Although the ruling is effective immediately, in many cases, health plan contracts are in place for the calendar year, and employers do not typically make changes to coverage or cost midyear. (It may be easier for plans to change formularies to allow for cost-sharing with respect to impacted drugs.) - KFF

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Health Area	Preventive Service	Affected Population
Cancer	Breast Cancer: Medication Use to Reduce Risk	Women at increased risk for breast cancer aged 35 years or older
Cancer	Lung Cancer: Screening	Adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years
Cancer	Colorectal Cancer: Screening	Adults aged 45-49 years*
Chronic Conditions	Statin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Adults: Preventive Medication	Adults aged 40 to 75 years who have 1 or more cardiovascular risk factors and an estimated 10-year cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk of 10% or greater
Chronic Conditions	Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults: Screening	Adults 22 and older
Health Promotion	Unhealthy Drug Use: Screening	Adults 22 and older
Pregnancy	Aspirin Use to Prevent Preeclampsia and Related Morbidity and Mortality: Preventive Medications	Pregnant persons at high risk for preeclampsia
Pregnancy	Perinatal Depression: Preventive Interventions	Pregnant persons**
Sexual and Reproductive Health	Prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection: Preexposure Prophylaxis	Persons at high risk of HIV acquisition
Sexual and Reproductive Health	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection: Screening	Men 22 and older***

NOTE: \*Coverage for colorectal cancer screening is still required for adults 50-75. \*\*Coverage for postpartum depression screening is still required under Bright Futures. \*\*\*Coverage for HIV infection screening is still required for adolescents up to age 21 and all women.

SOURCE: [United States Preventive Services Task Force, 2023](#) • PNG



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# NCMedHelp

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**Do you need help getting Medicaid approval for your or your child's medical care?**

**Connect with folks who can help.**



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# Upcoming Webinars/Calls

## **CMS Atlanta Marketplace Stakeholder Monthly Calls Every third Wednesday at 1:00-2:00pm**

Zoom Access Link: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/j/1602756474?pwd=R2ZpLy9uc2pUYldHT3laK3orakg0dz09>  
Meeting ID: 160 275 6474 ; Password: 367152

## **Monthly CMS Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding: What to Know and How to Prepare, A Partner Education Monthly Series Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 at 12:00PM**

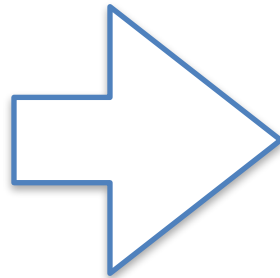
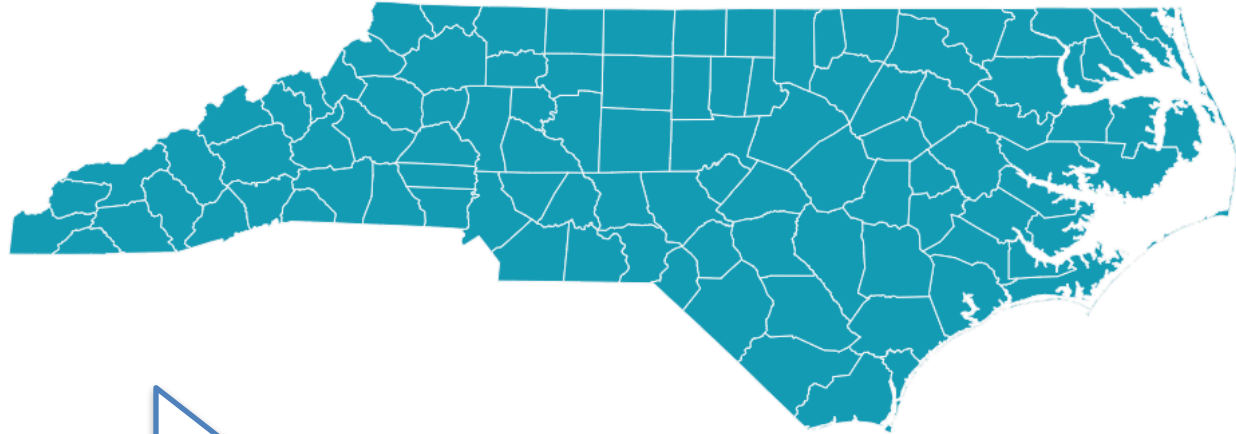
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## New Sign-Up Form!

Add my organization to the Resource Map

- ✓ Select Services
- Access to Healthcare (1)
- Education (2)
- Family Literacy (1)
- Food (2)
- Housing (2)
- Interpersonal Violence / Toxic Stress (1)
- Workforce Development Programs (1)

Select County

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# Thank You!

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**Next Meeting - May 12, 2023 at 1:00pm**



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