



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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June 15, 2026

Dear County DSS Director:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase access to SUD services; and align existing SUD services with The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), Third Edition, 2013. Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (ASAM Level 3.2-WM) is being amended to include a rate increase based on updated rate modeling defined by the Division of Health Benefits.

Please post this notice in your facility so that interested parties may be made aware of this proposed change and may comment as necessary. The posting can be removed after ninety days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Ashley Blango

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State Plan and Amendments Manager

Attachment: Revised Public Notice SPA 25-0020
Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management ASAM Level 3.2-WM

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NOTICE
(SPA 25-0020)**

Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management ASAM Level 3.2-WM

As a part of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver the State is amending the State Plan to add Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services (ASAM Level 3.1) to increase access to SUD services; and align existing SUD services with The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), Third Edition, 2013.

Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (ASAM Level 3.2-WM) is being amended to include a rate increase based on updated rate modeling defined by the Division of Health Benefits.

The new rate will be established at \$307.89 per diem effective January 1, 2026. This new rate is intended to sustain provider participation within the Medicaid program, address some of the increased cost of the service, and support access to care statewide.

This amendment will become effective January 1, 2026.

The annual estimated State Fiscal Impact of this change is:

- a. **SFY 2026 \$87**
- b. **SFY 2027 \$180**

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below:

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