



To: All Providers and Stakeholders
From: Cindy Ehlers, Vice President of Clinical Operations
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Subject: Changes to the State Benefit Plan

Trillium Health Resources offers a benefit plan for persons who are indigent or have no other coverage with MH/SU/IDD needs. This plan is called the State-funded Benefit Plan and is offered based on available financial resources through Legislative allocation. It is Trillium's philosophy that persons served with these monies have the most needs and no other health care coverage to pay for MH/SU/IDD treatment.

At this time, we are pleased to announce we are able to open several benefits where admission has previously been closed.

The services affected are:

- 🌱 Developmental Therapy- H2014 HM Individual and H2014U1 group is open to new admissions for children up to age 18. Service level is increased to 15 h/w for individual.
- 🌱 Respite- YP010 is open to new admissions.
- 🌱 ADVP- is open to new admissions.
- 🌱 Supported Employment Group- YP640- open to new admissions for individuals who do not have Medicaid.
- 🌱 IDD Long Term Supported Employment Vocational Support YA-389- open to new admissions for members who do not have Medicaid.
- 🌱 Personal Assistance- YP020- open to new admissions for any members with I/DD or members with MH who do not have Medicaid.
- 🌱 CST is open to new admissions regardless of step down from ACTT.

Guideline on authorizations and hours allowed may be found on our website at <https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/for-providers/benefit-plans-service-definitions>.

Also please, note Trillium's CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE initiative offers funds to assist with purchases that improve or increase health and safety. CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE can provide supplies and equipment essential for increasing the ability for individuals to



live in their own communities successfully. These funds make it possible to obtain supplies or equipment that would otherwise be unavailable due to benefit funding limitations, such as third party insurance, Medicaid, or state dollars. Possible categories available through CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE include, but **are not limited to**:

- 🌱 Smart Home Technology applications, including safety and security, set up Durable Medical Equipment and supplies (all types)
- 🌱 Assistive Technology Devices
- 🌱 Ramps *
- 🌱 Fences *
- 🌱 Medication Administration devices
- 🌱 Tablets and appropriate apps only when used as a communication device**
- 🌱 Diapers, Pull Ups and/or Incontinence supplies for people age 3 and older
- 🌱 Nutritional Supplements
- 🌱 Equipment that improves ambulation, regulation, or medical conditions or addresses overall health and safety concerns

* For ramps and fences, the home must be owned by the individual or family for permanent modifications. If property is rented or leased, only portable modifications are allowed..

** Applications will be preloaded on tablets prior to delivery to individual/family; if the family already has a tablet and is in need of apps, the tablet will have to be dropped off and the apps loaded by Trillium staff.

A prescription and/or Letter of Medical Necessity must be included with application for each requested item. All requests must be tied directly to the individual need of a person that has a MH, I/DD or SU condition. TRILLIUM funding is for equipment, supplies, and supports for people with covered disabilities; it may not be used for general home improvements, general transportation, or other human services needs that are not directly related to the person's disability.

For more information, please see <https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/trillium-initiatives/choose-independence>.

Questions may be sent to the UM@TrilliumNC.org

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