

**To:** All Providers  
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**Subject:** NC Medicaid Temporary Flexibilities due to Erin

## NC Medicaid Temporary Flexibilities Due to Hurricane Erin

### [NCDHHS Document](#)

Flexibilities effective Aug. 19, 2025, for NC Medicaid beneficiaries due to Hurricane Erin.

North Carolina Governor Josh Stein [issued Executive Order No. 20 on Aug. 19, 2025](#), which declared a State of Emergency for North Carolina in anticipation of potential severe weather caused by the approach of Hurricane Erin.

NC Medicaid is committed to North Carolina's response to and recovery from Hurricane Erin. We are working with county and federal partners to make it faster and easier for beneficiaries to receive—and for health care professionals to provide—Medicaid care and services.

This bulletin describes flexibilities effective Aug. 19, 2025, to Sept. 2, 2025 (unless otherwise communicated by NCDHHS), for the NC Medicaid program including NC Medicaid Direct and NC Medicaid Managed Care, as indicated below. Updates will be provided as they become available.

### Flexibility for both Medicaid Direct and NC Medicaid Managed Care

#### Medication Prior Approval Overrides due to Hurricane Erin

The potential for severe weather conditions may present situations where NC Medicaid beneficiaries in impacted areas may have difficulty obtaining necessary prior approval for certain medications. Therefore, NC Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers have been approved to override prior authorization (PA) requirements starting Aug. 19, 2025, to Sept. 2, 2025 (unless otherwise communicated by NCDHHS). This override of prior approval is being allowed to ensure that all NC Medicaid beneficiaries have access to necessary medications.

**For NC Medicaid Direct**, NC Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers should resubmit these claims with “09” (Emergency Preparedness) in the PA Type Code field to override a denial for prior authorization required. Do not place any values in the Submission Clarification Code field. Additional questions can be directed to the NCTracks service line at 1-800-688-6696.

**For NC Medicaid Managed Care**, providers should contact the pharmacy service line (numbers below) to confirm if additional documentation or process need to be completed to allow for prior authorization overrides due to Hurricane Erin.

#### *Standard Plans*

- AmeriHealth: 1-866-885-1406
- Healthy Blue: 1-833-434-1212
- Carolina Complete: 1- 833-750-4461
- United Healthcare: 1-855-258-1593
- Wellcare: 1-866-799-5318

#### *Tailored Plans*

- Alliance Health: 1-855-759-9300
- Partners: 1-866-453-7196
- Trillium: 1-866-245-4954
- Vaya Health: 1-800-540-6083

## **Early Prescription Refill Overrides Due to Hurricane Erin**

The potential for severe weather conditions may present situations where NC Medicaid beneficiaries in impacted areas may require an early refill of their medications. NC Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers have been approved to allow early refills of these prescriptions and will follow applicable co-pay requirements. Effective Aug. 19, 2025, to Sept. 2, 2025 (unless otherwise communicated by NCDHHS), the early refill is being allowed to ensure that all Medicaid beneficiaries have access to necessary medications.

**For NC Medicaid Direct**, NC Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers should resubmit these claims with “09” (Emergency Preparedness) in the PA Type Code field and a valid value for an E.R. override in the Reason for Service, Professional Service and Result of Service fields to override a denial for an early refill. Do not place any values in the Submission Clarification Code field. This allows the beneficiaries to receive their medication during an emergency without using either of their limited-use Submission Clarification Code overrides. Additional questions can be directed to the NCTracks service line (1-800-688-6696).

**For NC Medicaid Managed Care**, providers should contact the pharmacy service line (numbers below) to confirm if additional documentation or processes need to be completed to allow for emergency prescription refills effective due to Hurricane Erin.

#### *Standard Plans*

- AmeriHealth: 1-866-885-1406

- Healthy Blue: 1-833-434-1212
- Carolina Complete: 1- 833-750-4461
- United Healthcare: 1-855-258-1593
- Wellcare: 1-866-799-5318

*Tailored Plans*

- Alliance Health: 1-855-759-9300
- Partners: 1-866-453-7196
- Trillium: 1-866-245-4954
- Vaya Health: 1-800-540-6083

Thank you for your attention to this communication. All questions related to this Clinical Communication Bulletin can be sent to [UM@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:UM@TrilliumNC.org). Questions will be answered as quickly as possible