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Subject: Medicaid Application Revisions Necessary to Comply with New CMS Rule on Affiliations, RFP Updates/Announcements: Join our Network!

MEDICAID APPLICATION REVISIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH NEW CMS RULE ON AFFILIATIONS

To comply with a final rule issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which requires additional disclosures by enrolling providers, revisions to the NC Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application are underway. This final rule, effective November 4, 2019, implements statutory provisions that require providers and suppliers to disclose certain current and previous affiliations with other providers and suppliers.

The final rule implements a provision of the Social Security Act that requires providers and suppliers to disclose any current or previous direct or indirect affiliation with a provider or supplier that has uncollected debt; has been or is subject to a payment suspension under a federal health care program; has been or is excluded by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) from Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); or has had its Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP billing privileges denied or revoked. This provision allows for the denial of enrollment based on such an affiliation, when it is determined that the affiliation poses an undue risk of fraud, waste or abuse.

NC Medicaid will publish an announcement when revisions to the enrollment application have been made to allow for the collection of the additional required information pertaining to affiliations.













(All states must comply with the federal requirements in 42 CFR part 455, subparts B and E, as well as the "free choice of provider" requirement in § 431.51. Under 42 CFR part 455, subpart B, providers and disclosing entities must furnish disclosures regarding ownership and control of the provider or disclosing entity, certain business transactions and criminal convictions related to federal health care programs. It is section 1866(j)(5) of the Act, added by section 6401(a)(3) of the Affordable Care Act, that requires a provider or supplier submitting an enrollment application or a revalidation application for Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP to disclose affiliations as described above.)

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2019/11/19/medicaid-application-revisions-necessary-comply-new-cms-rule-affiliations>

RFP UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS: JOIN OUR NETWORK!

Trillium has recently posted several opportunities for both in-network and out-of-network providers to submit letters of interest and/or proposals to expand services to members in eastern NC. If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed below, please go to the [RFP | RFA | RFI | Opportunities](#) page to learn more about each opportunity, including applicable counties, and apply.

BELOW IS A LIST OF NEEDED SERVICES OR SUPPORTS IN THE TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES CATCHMENT AREA.

-  **NEW** Research Based-Behavioral Health Treatment for Autism (RB-BHT)
-  **NEW** Level III Residential Group Homes (Specific counties/populations)
-  **NEW** Licensed Residential Respite (Specified populations)
-  **NEW** Supervised Living (3 beds or less)
-  **NEW** Involuntary Commitment Evaluator- Open Enrollment
-  Opioid Treatment Programs
-  Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Treatment
-  Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment
-  Community Navigator
-  Community Support Team
-  Assertive Community Treatment
-  Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services

Any questions about this Communication Bulletin may be sent to the following email:

NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org. These questions will be answered in a Q&A format and published on Trillium's website.

Trillium offers trainings for providers and also shares about educational events across the region. To learn more, visit our [Upcoming Events page](#). Trillium occasionally announces open enrollment and RFPs for new and existing providers. Visit the [RFP | RFA | RFI | Opportunities page](#) for listings.