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Subject: Update: North Carolina Standard Plan and Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy Requirements, Notice to Class of Proposed Settlement of Franklin v. Kinsley

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UPDATE: NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD PLAN AND TAILORED PLAN TOBACCO-FREE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Note: This bulletin replaces [North Carolina Standard & Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy Requirement](#) published on Jan. 25, 2022.

With the delay of Tailored Plan launch until April 1, 2023, NCDHHS will delay the implementation of North Carolina Standard Plan and Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy requirements.

Prior to Tailored Plan launch, the Department will work with key community stakeholders, Standard Plans and Tailored Plans to revise guidance on the policy requirements. More information will be provided about the program in Spring 2023.

Contact NC Medicaid Contact Center with any questions: 1- 888-245-0179

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NOTICE TO CLASS OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF FRANKLIN V. KINSLEY

Please post a copy of the "[Notice to Class of Proposed Settlement of Franklin v. Kinsley](#)" (formerly known as *Hawkins v. Cohen*). Both English and Spanish versions of this notice are included in the link. DHHS asks that this notice be posted in a prominent location such as patient waiting rooms as soon as possible and remain posted for no less than six weeks.

This notice contains important information regarding a Jan. 13, 2023, court hearing on whether to approve a Settlement Agreement reached to resolve the federal lawsuit filed in 2017. This settlement provides important protections for Medicaid beneficiaries in North Carolina.

Thank you in advance for helping us notify beneficiaries of this important court settlement.

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