

# Network Communication Bulletin #427

To: All Providers

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Subject: New Attestation Requirements for Individual Providers; Upcoming Training For

Behavioral Health Providers: Introduction and Review of DB101; New Demographic Data Collection on Provider Applications; Update on Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS) Registered Status; NC Tracks Quick Links; Clinical Coverage Policy-Open for Public Comment; 17th Annual NC "One Community in Recovery" Conference;; Tailored Care Management (TCM) Change Process; Vacancy on Trillium's Provider Council; Trillium Partners with Integrated Family Services and Daymark Expanding Mobile Crisis Management; Request for Proposal Guildford County Behavioral Health Center; Taxonomy Verification; Roadmap to Ready: August 2025; Join Trillium's Global Quality Improvement Committee (GQIC); Trillium Family Weekends at Victory Junction; Provider Directory and NCTracks Data; Upcoming Supporting Children Early Simulations September through December; Provider My Learning Campus Reminder; Need to Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse?

### **NEW**

# NEW ATTESTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS

Effective Sept. 28, 2025, NCTracks is implementing a new attestation process for Individual and Atypical Individual providers as part of initial enrollment, re-enrollment and reverification applications submitted through the secured provider portal of NCTracks. This change aligns with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards.

#### **New Attestation Requirement**

- ♣ For initial and re-enrollment applications, the Individual practitioner will be required to complete an attestation before the application can be submitted for processing through NCTracks.
- The Office Administrator (OA), after completing the application, will be prompted to "Request Provider Attestation" which will generate a notification to

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- the Individual provider via a secure link to the Individual provider's email address listed on the application.
- To complete the attestation, the provider must confirm their identity by entering their National Provider Identifier (NPI)/Atypical number, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN), then review the application and "Approve" or "Reject."
- If the Office Administrator (OA) and Individual Provider are the same person (based on SSN), the provider can complete and submit the application directly.
- An email notification is sent to the OA when the attestation is completed, whether the Individual provider approves or rejects the application, allowing the OA to either correct and resend the application to the Individual provider for attestation, or submit the application.
- A If the Individual provider attestation is not completed within 45 calendar days, the application will automatically abandon.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Draft applications in the system at the time of implementation will be deleted.
- Providers should submit draft applications before Sept. 28, 2025, to prevent loss of data.

## UPCOMING TRAINING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS: INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF DB101

EIPD will be hosting a webinar on <u>North Carolina's DB101 Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM</u>. This comprehensive and user-friendly online resource is designed to assist individuals with disabilities in making informed employment decisions while receiving benefits.

The goal is to provide education to North Carolina's behavioral health network providers and tailored plan staff to familiarize them with this valuable tool to support conversations about employment. Please feel free to share this with Community Support Teams, Assertive Community Treatment teams, Tenancy Management Services, Outpatient Therapists, Tailored Care Managers, Peer Support Specialists, In-Reach Specialists, and other relevant professionals. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Registration is available at this Link

## NEW DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION ON PROVIDER APPLICATIONS

NCTracks will capture an Individual provider's race, ethnicity, and languages spoken during individual provider enrollment, re-enrollment, manage change requests, and reverification applications.

- Response are editable
- Offering this information is optional. A "prefer not to disclose" option is available.
- Draft applications in the system at the time of implementation will be deleted.
- Providers should submit draft applications before Sept. 28, 2025, to prevent loss of data.

Responses will not be shared outside of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and will be used only for internal purposes.

For questions, please contact the NCTracks Contact Center at 1-800-688-6696.

# UPDATE ON LICENSED CLINICAL ADDICTION SPECIALIST (LCAS) REGISTERED STATUS

As confirmed by the NC Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, the status of "Registered" indicates that an individual is working toward licensure but is **not yet licensed** to practice.

As such, effective immediately individuals with a "Registered" LCAS status do not meet provider enrollment criteria and cannot be approved for participation with NCDHHS programs.

### **NCTRACKS QUICK LINKS**

- NC Medicaid Temporary Flexibilities Due to Hurricane Erin
- International Overdose Awareness Day
- NCDHHS Launches Electronic Health Records System for State Operated Health Facilities
- Order Free System of Care Print Materials

### **REMINDERS**

#### CLINICAL COVERAGE POLICY-OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clinical Coverage Policy 2A-1 Acute Inpatient Services is open for public comment until 9/29/2025. This information can be found on the <u>Proposed Medicaid Policy</u> webpage.

## 17TH ANNUAL NC "ONE COMMUNITY IN RECOVERY" CONFERENCE

The planning committee is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2026 NC "One Community in Recovery" Conference. Submissions that explore diverse topics and share new ideas to strengthen recovery and resiliency across North Carolina are invited.

Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025

Submit a Proposal: Complete Application

More Information: Download Instruction

### TAILORED CARE MANAGEMENT CHANGE PROCESS

Early communication with the Tailored Plans and NCQA allows time to process changes to a Tailored Care Management (TCM) site. Contact the Tailored Plan and NCQA 90 days before the effective date of the desired change. To allow sufficient time for implementation of the requested changes, please notify the Tailored Plan as early in the month as possible. TCM providers should notify NCQA to report all TCM administrative site changes. TCM Provider Newsletter

### **VACANCY ON TRILLIUM'S PROVIDER COUNCIL**

The Provider Council has a seat available for a hospital representative. There is only one seat on the council to represent the five regions, so we will accept applications from any hospital in the Trillium Network. The deadline for applying will remain open until it is filled.

Applications can be found on the Trillium website and should be sent to the Provider Council President, <u>English Albertson</u>. All applications will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Provider Council to ensure that eligibility criteria are set forth in the bylaws and any Provider Council resolutions are met. Once this process is complete, the

Nominating Committee will present the hospital representative nominees to the Provider Council for a vote.

To learn more about Trillium's Provider Council, please visit our <u>Provider Council webpage</u>.

#### **TAXONOMY VERIFICATION**

We would like to bring your attention to several updates regarding the Provider Permission Matrix. Please note that Taxonomy Code 261QR0401X has been removed from the Provider Permission Matrix, and Taxonomy Code 261QM0850X is only a State-funded allowable code. Medicaid has been removed.

It is the responsibility of the Provider to ensure an Active Allowable Taxonomy is in NC Tracks under the Provider NPI(s) Service Site Location(s). NC Tracks posts updated Taxonomy Code Changes in the Provider Permission Matrix. Please ensure to review this periodically to ensure there will be no claims payment interruptions.

The Provider Permission Matrix, as well as a Provider Permission Matrix Instructions job aid are available on the <u>NCTracks Provider Enrollment</u> webpage.

### **ROADMAP 2 READY: AUGUST 2025**



Each month we will cover a topic that is a part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Emergency Preparedness Rule. In July we covered resources about power resiliency to protect your patients from hot weather. <u>Click here if you are interested to see what we covered</u>.

If past disasters are any indication of what we should be prepared for, the advice of planning for three days of water and food for each staff member and patient may not be sufficient. Planning for 10 days of water and food for residents and staff who are on site is ideal. Ensure that you plan for potable and non-potable water needs.

To assist you in calculating and planning, follow the steps below:

- 1. Determine the number of days you plan to be "self-sufficient."
- 2. Determine the number of residents, staff, and visitors your facility might accommodate in an emergency.
- 3. Decide what you need to store and how much you need to store.
- 4. Decide where and how to store your supplies.
- **5.** Decide who oversees tracking/rotating supplies and implement a tracking rotation and replacement process.
- 6. Explore and address the reliability of critical vendors/suppliers.

Planning Worksheet

**Emergency Supplies** 

Disaster plans must be submitted through the following link: 2025 Disaster Plan Submission. To confirm your disaster plan was received, check the "send me a copy of my responses" option at the end of the Disaster Plan Submission form.

# JOIN TRILLIUM'S GLOBAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (GQIC)

Are you passionate about enhancing healthcare quality and driving meaningful change? Trillium is seeking dedicated Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) representatives (Southern and North Central regions), a hospital representative, as well as an integrated care representative (experience in physical and behavioral healthcare) to join the Global Quality Improvement Committee (GQIC).

The GQIC is a dynamic group of practitioners, providers, specialists, and family representatives working together to improve healthcare quality. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Collaborate on impactful quality initiatives.
- Share insights and expertise with peers and Trillium staff.
- Help shape recommendations that guide quality improvement efforts.

If you are interested in joining GQIC, please complete the <u>GQIC Interest Form</u> and submit it to <u>QMInfo@TrilliumNC.org</u>. Visit <u>Trillium Health Resources - Committees</u> or <u>My Learning Campus</u> for more information about GQIC.

#### TRILLIUM FAMILY WEEKENDS AT VICTORY JUNCTION

September 19-21, 2025 | Application Deadline: September 5, 2025 October 3-5, 2025 | Application Deadline: September 19, 2025 October 31 – November 2, 2025 | Application Deadline: October 17, 2025

Get ready—the newest session for Trillium Family Weekend at Victory Junction is here! We hope our members and families will take advantage of the camp's inclusive environment and diverse amenities. Join us on a family weekend this fall in Randleman, NC.

The weekend is a unique experience for families to connect. Campers of every ability can feel fully empowered. Victory Junction adapts activities for every need. The camp's amazing staff are familiar with hosting Trillium families. They even accommodate special diets. There is no cost to attend.

Open to all Trillium members and their families or natural support, regardless of age or diagnosis.

Come experience the magic of camp with us! Spots are limited! Complete the <u>Fall 2025</u> <u>Interest Form</u> to begin your application. Visit the <u>Victory Junction Family Weekends</u> <u>Webpage</u> to learn more!

**Covid-19 Statement:** The COVID-19 vaccination is optional for campers and their families. Victory Junction highly recommends proof of a COVID-19 vaccination. This includes each person attending your party, ages 5 and up, who will be on-site during the family weekend. Self-pre-testing and reporting will be required for all within 48 hours of check-in.

### PROVIDER DIRECTORY AND NCTRACKS DATA

Trillium encourages all provider agencies to regularly review and update their provider information in NCTracks. The data in NCTracks is used to populate Trillium's Provider Directory, which is a vital resource for members, families, and stakeholders. Thank you for your continued commitment to maintaining accurate and up-to-date information on the Directory. For any questions related to Trillium's Provider Directory, please contact TrilliumProviderDirectory@TrilliumNC.org.

# UPCOMING SUPPORTING CHILDREN EARLY SIMULATIONS SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER!

Supporting Children Early Simulation opportunities being offered from September through December!

These events are free and open for anyone to attend. Please share the information with your contacts!

#### **RE-ENTRY SIMULATIONS:**

Dare County—November 5, 2025

#### **SUPPORTING CHILDREN EARLY SIMULATIONS:**

- Guilford County—September 23, 2025
- Sampson County—November 13, 2025
- Edgecombe County—December 4, 2025

#### PROVIDER MY LEARNING CAMPUS REMINDER

To find updated and current Provider Trainings, please visit:

Provider My Learning Campus or this list of provider trainings.

### **NEED TO REPORT FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE?**

EthicsPoint is a secure and confidential system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone to report suspected violations of potential fraud, waste and abuse, or confidentiality issues. You can access EthicsPoint through website submission at <a href="EthicsPoint - Trillium Health Resources">EthicsPoint - Trillium Health Resources</a> or by calling toll-free: 1-855-659-7660.