March 15, 2019 HBR Alert



North Carolina State Health Plan Administrative Rules Proposed for Adoption March 15, 2019

The purpose of this HBR Alert is to provide a status update on the State Health Plan's adoption of administrative rules, which were previously set by policies. These rules are necessary for the State Health Plan to administer and carry out its fiduciary responsibilities to provide comprehensive health benefits under Article 3B of Chapter 135 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The State Health Plan accepted oral public comments at the February 25, 2019, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan. The State Health Plan also accepted written public comments on these proposed rules beginning on February 12, 2019, through March 14, 2019. The State Health Plan has reviewed and considered all feedback received. The State Health Plan does not intend to make any substantive changes to the rule language proposed. However, please note the citation change to reflect the codified reference.

The State Health Plan hereby adopts these four rules as proposed. (Click on each to view the entire rule):

SHP-POL-3004-SHP, Enrollment Exceptions and Appeals Policy and Procedure is adopted as 20 NCAC 12 .0101(a), SHP Rule on Enrollment Exceptions and Appeals.

SHP-POL-3009-SHP, Policy on Member Terminations and Reinstatements is adopted as 20 NCAC 12 .0101(b), SHP Rule on Member Terminations and Reinstatements.

SHP-POL-3005-MUL, Policy and Procedure on Arrears is adopted as 20 NCAC 12 .0101(c), SHP Rule on Arrears.

The following new rule is adopted as 20 NCAC 12 .0101(d), <u>SHP Rule on Retiree</u> <u>Health Benefit Enrollment and Premium Payments.</u>

These State Health Plan rules, along with other policies and procedures, are available on the State Health Plan's website on the Policies and Procedures page.

The State Health Plan is authorized to adopt rules in accordance with the authority granted in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 135-48.25. The State Health Plan is exempt from the rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-1(d)(7). However, these rules will be submitted for codification in the North Carolina

Administrative Code in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.21. Please visit the State Health Plan's <u>website</u> to view the codified version of these rules.