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Subject: State-funded Alternative Service Definitions Pause

The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) is collaborating with North Carolina Medicaid (NC Medicaid) on Medicaid Transformation and the development of the Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Development Disability Tailored Plan Request for Applications (RFA).

Effective March 1, 2020, DMH/DD/SAS is instituting a pause on any new State-funded Alternative Service Definitions.

- Any alternative service definitions submitted prior to March 1, 2020, will go through the standard review process.
- Any alternative service definitions submitted after March 1, 2020, will not be reviewed.

We anticipate that DMH/DD/SAS will resume receiving and reviewing alternative service definitions after the Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plan RFA process has ended and plans have been selected. This pause will ensure that applicants are aware of the service coverage requirements they are responsible for, and that the Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plan RFAs reflect the current State-funded service array.

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